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Labour accuses Major after tycoon who lent cash to party is honoured

Fury over 'cash for knighthood'

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

John Major was facing a polit-ical furore over his New Year's Honours list today after the millionaire tycoon who lent the Tory party £4m was listed

among the knighthoods, Graham Kirkham, chief of the DFS furniture chain, also took £5.533,637 of his £10m salary for the year ending August 1993 in antiques and works of art, so that the company saved £500,000 in employers' National Insurance.

Today's knighthood comes in recognition of Sir Graham's charitable services to the Duke of Edinburgh's award and the Animal Health Trust, but was immediately condemned by Labour who claimed it was the crudest instance yet of using the honours system to reward gen-

crosity to the Tory party, John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, said: "Whatever the official reason, this seems like the crudest example yet of honours being given for finan-cial services received by the Tory

caster furniture shop salesman more than 35 years ago, Sir Graham has gone on to became one of the top 50 richest men in

His entrepreneurial talents all through the Thatcher years led him to amass a multi-million pound personal fortune from which he was able to lend a cash-strapped .Conservative Central Office a £4m three-month loan in January after John Major went to meet him at his Yorkshire estate where he houses his art treasures.

With all interest on the money going permanently to the party, the gesture was one of the largest personal contributions ever made to a British political party. It came at a time when



Sir Graham Kirkham: Ioaned cash-strapped Tories £4m

the party's principal banker, the Royal Bank of Scotland, was becoming increasingly concerned over its overdraft - then about £16m - and cutbacks in

company donations.

The disclosure that when still a privately-owned company DFS bad paid Sir Graham partly in paintings and furniture, saving £500,000 in National Insurance contributions, came afthe stock market and so obliged lo publish annual reports.

While Sir Graham and his company had done nothing illegal at the time, the episode provoked Labour charges that the Conservative Party had accepted money from a man Labour claimed had not paid his fair share of taxes to the

Downing Street insisted last night that Sir Graham's links with the Conservative Party had nothing whatever to do with his nomination for the knighthood, and he was said not to

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have been nominated by the

party.
"The citation [in the Honours' list] is quite clear," a Downing Street source said. "He was not given this award for political services. He was given it for charitable services.

The row is an embarrasso to the Prime Minister in the wake of his efforts over recent years to create a more "classless" honours system that reflected a wider spectrum of society and gave more recognition to community work.

Approaching 40 per cent of this year's list, from bolders of the bumble MBE up to knightboods, had received the backing of members of the public writing into Downing Street.
Although Number 10

declined to be drawn on how many bonours resulted solely from public nominations, it said that about 400 names on the Prime Minister's 1,036strong list had been picked specifically for voluntary and community service.

However, Mr Prescott said: "So much for John-Major's claim that his honours system Frankly, this award must by the cause of some serious con-

Labour stuck to its longstanding convention of not putting forward political nominations for honours, and a spokeswoman said yesterday that that stance would continue under a Labour govern-

The affair is bound to revive complaints over Conservativesympathising businessmen apparently being rewarded with honours for making donations to the party's funds. It will also refuel calls for Lord Nolan's Committee on Standards in Public Life to undertake a thorough examination of party polifical funding.



lappy Goodyear' tops the pops

REBECCA FOWLER

New Year honours are bestowed today on the former Coronation Street actress Julie Goodycar, the agony aunt Clare Rayner and the Liverpool footballer Ian Rush in one of the most populist selections in

> Ms Goodyear, who recently resigned as landlady of the Rovers Return, was celebrating her appointment as an MBE with pink champagne yesterday at her local hotel near Rochdale, after arriving in a gold Rolls-Royce and buying drinks for the house. "This is one of the most memorable and proudest moments of my life."
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> also appointed an OBE. "It's been a tremendous year for me, the team and European golf in general, and I'd like to think this

she said. "I am a very happy Goodyear. Rush, 34, one of 10 children from Flint, North Wales, said of his MBE: "It's a great feeling for both myself and my family ... It's a great start to the new year ... This gives me an extra boost and

incentive." Colleagues from the world of sport who also receive awards include Shaun Edwards, the England rugby league captain (OBE), Jonathan Edwards, the world triple-jump record-holder who will receive an MBE, and Bernard Gallacher, the golfer, also appointed an OBE, "It's

honour reflects that," he said. Beryl Cook, famous for her paintings of fat ladies in stockings, is appointed an OBE: Clare Rayner gets an MBE and the pop singer Elton John becomes a CBE.

Chris Bonington, 61, the mountaineer, is given a knighthood, as is the impresario Cameron Mackintosh and Stanles Kalms, head of the Dixons store chain. "I'm delighted, he who waits gets his reward." said Sir Stanley, 64, who started work at 16 when he took charge of his father's photographic shop in London. "This gives me new energy to carry on.

The armed forces are acknowledged, with a knighthcod for Lt-Gen Rupert Smith, the former United Nations commander in Bosnia, and a host of awards for organisers of VE Day

celebrations in May. According to Downing Street. 40 per cent of the list was nominated by the public across all levels from MBEs to knighthoods, and 400 awards were made specifically for voluntary work. One-third of the awards have been given to women.

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Ten are stabbed in supermarket attack

IAN Mackinnon

Police were last night questioning a 24-year-old supermarket worker after be ran amok in the aisles of the store with three knives, and stabbed 10 people.

The man, who had just started his shift as a part-time shelf-stacker at the south Birmingham store, was chased from the premises by a security guard and the father of a 13-year-old boy injured in the chaos. But as they confronted the Asian shop assistant near the shop in Bordesley Green, two police officers disarmed him using batons.

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First Division clubs failed to car-

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after failing to win a greater say in league affairs. Page 23

Pomography crackdown

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out from the Football League

Football threat fails

Five people, four of them with serious injuries, were last night being detained at two city hospitals after undergoing

The attack comes almost exactly a year after another man, David Morgan, went on the rampage with a knife in a Birmingham department store, wounding 10 women.

It also follows heightened concern over criminals use of knives after the murder of Philip Lawrence, the headmaster stabbed to death while going to the aid of a pupil out-side his north London school on 8 December.

Outrage over the murder prompted the 43 police forces in England and Wales to declare a month-long amnesty for those surrendering knives to police stations.

weapons - a four-inch Bowie knife, a Swiss Army knife and a Stanley knife - which were recovered by police as he was seized. Only two of the knives were used in the attack at the Netto supermarket which flared shortly after 12.15pm as the man began packing shelves at the store where he had worked for

leading the inquiry, said that the violence was sparked by a row between the man and his colleagues, though shoppers became involved.

day's attacker had obtained his

It was unclear where vester-

Chief Inspector Eric Noble.

Moments later the man went berserk, walking through the crowded store with his arms above his head, holding the knives aloft. Screaming shoppers ran for

cover as he walked along the aisles stabbing at people in his One of the victims, Mark Ed-

from a back wound, fold how he had gone into the store with his parents and 9-year-old sister

"I could hear a commotion shoplifter." he said. "Everyone started to head towards the exits and then I saw a man running down with two knives in his

"He was just jabbing and stabbing with the knives as he came by. My sister was standwards her. So I grabbed her and wards, 15, from King's Heath, just pushed her through the exit.

punched in the back." Only outside did his father see the blood and drive him to hospital.

In all six men, one aged 65, two women, and two boys of 13 and I thought it was a and 15 were injured. A 41year-old shop assistant with three stab wounds, two to her back and one to her arm, was flown by helicopter to Selly Oak hospital in the city and was said last night to be stable.

The other victims were taken to Heartland's hospital where three were found to have serious injuries. A man of 35 and a woman of forty both had Birmingham, speaking from his hospital bed as he recovered and then felt like I had heen suffered stomach injuries.

set to fly from Heathrow

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January, joining a seasonal exodus 4 per cent higher than last year. Around 1.75 million

have flown since 21 December. More than 700,000 passen-

gers have passed through

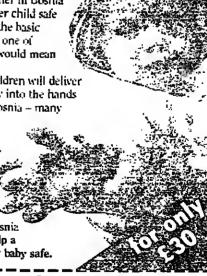
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ning to travel to Worcester last

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Fresh snowfalls sweeping in from the Atlantic are set to bring a bitter chill to large

swathes of Britain today. But while motoring organi-sations were warning drivers to think twice about their travel plans, airports were preparing for an exodus by thousands of

travellers escaping the cold.

After one of the coldest Chrisimases on record, the London Wenther Centre said little of Britain was likely to escape snow or sleet today.

Rain falling on the tip of

Cornwall turned to snow vesterday afternoon as the cold from moved northwards through the South-west, Southeast and Wales.

Bitter south-easterly winds were set to make it a raw holiday Saturday with the wind-chill factor leaving the country feel-ing 10 degrees colder than real temperatures.

However, a London Weather Centre spokeswoman said a warmer southerly wind would bring milder conditions to the majority of England by tomorrow although there would be fresh snow falls in Scotland. By New Year's Day temper-atures, which have hovered at zero over the holiday period, are set to rise to 10C in the far west of England, 5-7C for mid-England and 3C in the North. Scotland will remain cold.

Glasgow airport was the coldest place in Britain at minus18.7C yesterday, only marginally warmer than its worst ever night earlier this week. The Shetland Isles, where a mild thaw began yesterday, could suffer fresh blizzards.

tion said it was working flat-out

to tackle problems, mainly flat

Thursday was its second busiest day on record, and it has dealt with 66,000 calls in the last three days compared with a typical 13.000 a day. Most main routes were clear, atthough black ice was a risk. Travel by rail has been large-

ly unaffected by the weather apart from Scotland where ScotRail has suffered serious disruption and 100 "snow men" have been out checking points are not frozen over. The AA motoring organisa-

Airports expect a record New Year with few problems. More than 425,000 passengers are

section

in a lay-by.

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Kashmir hostages 'are still alive'

MUKHTAR AHMED

Four Western tourists who have been beld hostage by Muslim militants in Kashmir for nearly six months are alive and were seen by villagers in South Kashmir Iwo days before Christmas, according to police sources in the Indian-controlled

The four, including two Britons, Keith Mangan and Paul Wells, were spotted wear-ing Kashmiri robes at the village

of Hakura Bursgam in the southern Anantnag district on 23 December, "They were in good health. This is good news. we were concerned about their fate," a police source said. We heaved a sigh of relief."

Fears for the safety of the hostages, who were captured by the Al-Faran militant group while biking in the footbills of the Himalayas, rose after a gun battle on 4 December in which four leading members of Al-Faran, including its chief commander, Abdul Hamid Turki.

of the tourists were "taken away" by the Indian army and that the fourth was "missing".

For most of the past six months the Indian authorities have been aware of the general whereabouts of the Western hostages, but have avoided any rescue attempt that might have resulted in their deaths. The Indians admit that Al-Faran managed to smuggle the captives away after the gun battle. Last weekend's sighting was the first

were killed by Indian forces. Al-Faran later claimed that three still alive. Police sources said that strict instructions had been issued to the security forces not to engage the abductors in any

further encounters. The police sources added that a new band of heavilyarmed Al-Faran members, led by a foreign militant named Mohammad Ali, is now guarding the four tourists. The group has hi-tech field radio sets, but is much smaller than before; more than 100 captors had previously accompanied the

hostages, but villagers saw only 30 to 40 at Hakura Bursgam.

The seizure of foreign hostages has divided the militants fighting New Delhi's control of Kashmir, the only Muslim-majority state in India. Mainstream groups have called on Al-Faran, a previously little-known movement which India claims is controlled and fin-anced by Pakistan, to free the four Westerners.

"Al-Faran is becoming isolated from other groups in Kashmir over the continued

captivity of the four tourists," said one official. "We have reports that they want to release them unharmed soon. We will redouble our efforts to seek

their early release." Other sources admitted, however, that despite its best efforts, the government has failed to establish direct or indirect contact with Al-Faran. During the last negotiations, the ab-ductors demanded the release of 15 jailed militants, including two senior commanders held in a New Delhi jail, but the Indian government refuses to make any concessions.

British, American and German diplomats waiting in Srinagar have had no recent contact with Al-Faran, according to officials. They tried through various influential locals, but without success," said one diplomat. "We have no in-formation about the Christmas gifts and greeting cards sent to the tourists. We had lost track of them. But now the good news is that they are safe, and still with Al-Faran."

Body in

lay-by

may be

missing

Celine

Detectives hunting for the miss-

ing French student Celine Figard were planning to travel to Worcester last night to

examine the body of a young

woman found in a tay-by.

The woman, thought to be in, her early twenties, was found by a motorist at Hawford on the

A449 near Worcester, West

A spokesman confirmed that

the body was naked and no clothes had been discovered

Mercia police said.

MATTHEW BRACE

Man held on Italian murder charge

An Italian who has lived for the past two years in Surrey has been arrested and is awaiting extradition for a murder committed nearly two decades ago. The trail to Enrico Mariotti.

INBRIEF

55, of Wallington, Surrey, end-ed when he was arrested at Gatwick airport on Christmas Eve after he dropped off his wife to catch a flight to Rome. Sentenced to 25 years jail in Italy in his absence, he has been remanded until 3 January for involvement in the murder of Count Massimiliano Grazi-

oli between November 1977 and March 1978. Mariotti allegediy befriended the 66-year-old count's son and then used the friendshipto arrange for the kidnapping of the aristocrat with a local gang boss. The family handed over a ransom of £750,000, but the count was never seen again and Mariotti was later named

Spring joins attack

Dick Spring, Ireland's deputy prime minister and foreign min-ister, joined calls for Sian Fein to condemn terrorist-linked recent shootings - claimed to have been carried out by an anti-drugs group with IRA connections—were a worrying feature in the whole content of the Northern Ireland peace

Fears for girl, 18

too early to say how long the both had lain in the wooded area near the lay-by, or how the woman had died. "We are still trying to estab-lish the identity of the dead woman," he said. "We're treat-

ing this as a suspicious death, although it's a murder-scale inquiry."
A Home Office pathologist was due to conduct a post-

mortem examination last night.

More than 100 detectives have been searching for the 19-year-old French accountancy year-old French accountancy student who disappeared at a motorway service station on the M4 in Berkshine 10 days ago. She had been travelling to, spend [Christmas with her cousin, who works at a hotel in

Fordingbridge Hampshire Sug, was last seen accepting a life from a long driver who despite epeated public appeals for information, has still not been

Earlier this week her father. Bernard, a-44-year-old farmer. travelled from their home in Ferrieres-Les-Scey, south-east of Paris, to make an emotional appeal for help in finding his daughter.

A spokesman for Hampshire police said yesterday: "West Mercia police have been in touch and we are trying to establish whether the body is that of Celine." He added there was nothing

yet to indicate whether the

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Police stepped up their search for Louise Smith, 18, missing since leaving a party in Yate, Somerset, carly on Christmas Day. A former boylniend said he thought he sawher getting into a blue Ford Fiesta car driven by a girlfriend but, no trace has been found of the car of driver.

near by, although he said it was Woman's beating Detectives investigating the

attempted murder of a woman who ran an escort agency from her home appealed for information about a man seen running across gardens and discarding clothing. Ann Fidler, 43, was given a 50-50 chance of survival, 48 hours after being beaten in her house at Eastleigh, Hampshire.

Pub bomb find

An incendiary bomb was, defused in a pub close to the centre of Belfast. The device, found in a cigarette packet under a carper, had failed to go off.

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Hotel lounge explosion injures drinkers

Five people were taken to hospital vesierday after an explo-

sion ripped through a hotel.

The blast happened at the Braeriach Hotel, Newtonmore. in the Scottish Highlands, early yesterday aftermoon, and is thought to have destroyed the lounge har, where several peo-

ple were drinking. Northern Constabulary said one casualty was airlifted by an ambulance helicopter to Raigmore Hospital, Inverness.

Another four people were taken in a fleet of ambulances by road to the same hospital. A police spokesman said that it was still too early to assess the extent of their injuries.

One woman who works in the Mains Hotel, close to the Braeriach, said: "It must have been a huge explosion because all the windows have been blown out and there is a real mess on the street.

There were fire engines and ambulances everywhere. I think some people were hadly hurt because the helicopter took them away. The traffic is being diverted away from the street.

Highlands and Islands Fire Brigade said that two units and a voluntary team from Newtonmore had attended the scene and had tackled a "minor" fire which broke out after the

it is thought that the blast ing boiler, but police said it was too early to identify the source.

The police spokesman said: "The cause of the explosion is still not clear, but would appear to involve the boiler." Newtonmore, off the A9

south of Inverness, is a popu-

lar town with New Year revellers. Local people said the Braeriach was one of the main hotels in the area. Police said later there had been five people injured, not nine as previously believed. The man flown from the scene



Blast scene: Firefighters at the hotel in the Highlands where an explosion injured five people yesterday

Blair plans 'meet the people' tours

DONALD MACINTYRE

Tony Blair, planning to embark on a wide-ranging series of "meet the people tours" after the New Year, yeslerday promised that Labour was ready to fight - and if possible precipitate - a general election

The Labour leader made it clear that the party would be preparing for an election this year because it was difficult to see how the Government which faces a likely majority of just three after two forthcoming by-elections - could continue. He added in an ITN to Raigmore Hospital, Inverness interview: "If we can bring about a situation in which we

can bring the Government down, and the country can dedirection, then of course we will take it." be said.

Mr Blair's remarks came as he issued a New Year message promising that the Labour front bench would be taking the party's policy agenda "to every part of the country so that the people may test us, so that their views can inform ours, and inform the policy ideas we de-

velop and promote".

The Labour leader is planning to meet the public as he did party members during the campaien to change Clause IV carlier in the year and he has subsequently met thousands of

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Tony Blair: ready for polls counters designed to remove their potential fears of a Labour

victory. The programme is expected to start with meetings of parents leading businessmen in en- and teachers intended to explain

Democrat leader, also plans to take his message to the people qu'a nation-wide tour starting. early in the New Year. In his New Year message Mr

Blair asserted that Labour wanted to "move beyond" the achievements of 1995 in which the party had "built up a relationship of trust with the people." by forming a "genuine partnership with the people". He said: "We have developed a distinctive, new and radical political agenda for Britain which breaks through traditional dividing lines of left and right." Meanwhile in his New Year

danger that a progressive govremment comes to power on a wave of warm words and weak promises, is blown lether and thither by events, proves unable

to meel the expectations raised in easy opposition, and descends into a one-Parliament fiop, paving the way for a rejuvenated, more extreme Right". "1996 is the year to start building a new contract of trust between politicians and people, not on the candy floss of cosy

promises, but on the basis of sharing hard facts and explaining difficult choices," he said.

Profile of the year, page 12 dead woman was Celine or not. Prison doctors allowed to issue free condom's

DANNY PENMAN

The Prison Service has decided that condoms can be issued to convicts to try to combat the spread of HIV and Aids, according to a confidential letter seen by the Independent.

Successive Conservative governments have opposed the distribution of condoms for fear of appearing to endorse homosexual activity, but the letter, from Rosemany Wool, Director of Health Care for the Prison Medical Service, to prison doctors, appears to con-

tradict earlier policy.

Ms Wool urges doctors to prescribe condoms to any person they feel is at risk of catching HIV. In practice this means that any prisoners engaging in homosexual sex can be given free condoms.

that "prison doctors are free, in Affairs Select Committee, said: duty of care.

for-all," he said.
The shift in policy was welcomed yesterday by gay rights groups, prison reform organi-sations and Labour and Conservative MPs.

there's not going to be a free-

Stephen Shaw, spokesman for the Prison Reform Trust, described it as "marvellous news". He said: "This allows prisoners the same level of protection that the Government has spent mil- prison cell is a public place. lions of pounds trying to persuade the rest of the population

to take." Sir Ivan Lawrence, the Con-Ms Wool says in the letter servative chairman of the Home

the exercise of their clinical to the for high a moral independent to prescribe out the state of high a moral judgement to prescribe out the product of the prescribe of the state of the prescribe o

lic health". The Government has previously opposed the advice given by doctors and members of the prison service. The policy shift has apparently been allowed fol-lowing fresh legal advice. The 1967 Sexual Offences Act prohibits homosexual activity in a public place. The Home Office. has always maintained that a

tified "on the grounds of pub-

Ms Wool says in the letter: The burden of our legal advice is in fact that there may be a legal risk in not providing condons. through a failure in the

Nolan may investigate watchdogs

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

Privatised industry regulators may be the next target for the Committee on Standards in Public Life, its chairman Lord

Nolan said yesterday. The committee will consider whether to mount the investigation after it has concluded its current inquiry into local public spending bodies. "We very well may, I wouldn't like to go further at the moment," Lord

erence of his committee.

Calls for an investigationcame in the wake of the row over Peter Davis, the National look the subject."

Lottery regulator, who was attacked for accepting free flights from a major backer of the lottery operator Camelot against advice from the Department of

National Heritage. Interviewed on BBC Radio been made over the current case

would be within the terms of ref- the regulators and to whom they are accountable.

"I've no doubt we will be considering whether we should at.

mittee confirmed it would stick to its convention of not revisiting individual cases, but there were issues for examination. These would be likely to in-

Interviewed on BBC Radio clade the degree of account-4's Today programme. Lord ability between the watchdogs. Notan said: The suggestion has and the Government, and the londs of action available when that it would be sensible to see: a regulator strayed beyond the He added that the regulators in more detail what regulates bounds of proper conduct.

was also described as stable and comfortable. concise crossword



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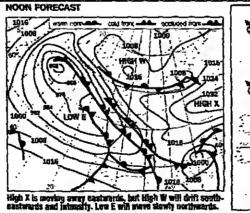
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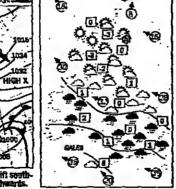
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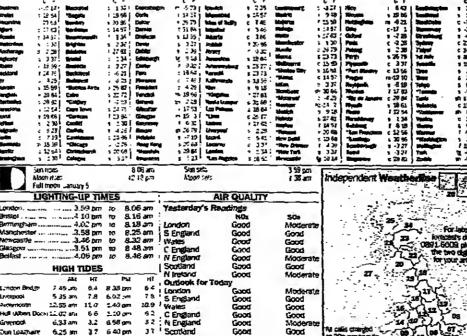
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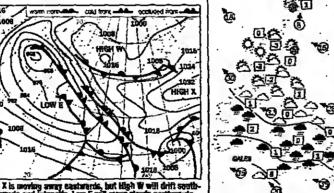
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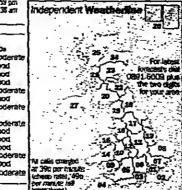


TODAY'S FORECAST: Today will see a continuation of the cold but mostly sarray weather in Scottand, Meanwhile, a bett of snow and strong winds will be moving north seroes the rest of British. However, the snow is expected to gradually turn to rain in the south. Tooloft, the steet, snow and strong cest winds should continue slowly porthwards. The south is expected to have lighter winds, but with mist and patchy fog.

OUTLOOK FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS: The snow and strong

OUTLOOK FOR THE MENT FEW DAYS: The snow end strong winds will be affecting the northern half of British during New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The south should have hear normal temporatures and a few showers, however, told east to south-east winds look file returning to the whole of British through the rest of the week. WORLD WEATHER INSTRUCTION COLORS STORE STO





news

Death on the lake: As the freeze shows no sign of abating, fireman's widow tells of the heroism that ended in tragedy

Wife pays tribute to a brave man who died helping others

The widow of Michael Mee, the off-duty fireman who died while trying to rescue a girl from a frozen lake, yesterday described her horror as she watched him

disappear under the icy waters. Elizabeth Mee said her hus-band was "a wonderful, brave man who devoted his life to helping others". The couple were walking with their daughter, Katy, when the tragedy oc-curred at Hemsworth Water Park, Kinsley, West Yorkshire,

on Thursday. Mee, 48, fellow rescuer Jack Crawshaw, 51; and Tracey Patterson, II, who had fallen through the ice while trying to rescue a dog, all died after medical teams spent more than five Mike disappeared. After that

Mrs Mee, 46, said her husband, who had been a fireman for 26 years, ran to help as soon had fallen into the water.

She said: "He sprinted round the lake, telling me and Katy to dial 999. The next thing I knew, Mike was on the ice trying to reach the little girl." At about the same time Crawshaw also plunged into the lake to try to save Tracey.

"Katy and I ran up and just kept shouting to Mike to try and support him, but he didn't have a chance. He had nothing to get hold of," said Mrs Mee, who also has a 17-year-old son. Christopher.

"The girl and the other man went underneath first, and then hours trying to resuscitate them. everything seems blurred. They



were all gone by the time the firemen arrived." Katy, a student at Durham University.

Both Mee, from South Hiendley, near Barnsley, and Crawshaw may he recommended for posthumous gal-

Police, although a spokesman said yesterday that no definite decision had yet been made. Both the Government and the lantry awards by West Yorkshire Royal Humane Society could

award medals for the rescue at-

with his brother, lan, in Wrenthorne. Wakefield, and used to run a corner shop which adjoined their house, lan said; "I am terribly upset. I have been up all night. I just cannot believe it. I am proud of my brother and what he did. I don't think of him as a hero, he was just the type of person who would do what was expected."

Gareth Easton, 11. a schoolfriend of Tracey's, said; "It doesn't surprise me she went af-ter the dog. She just would not have been able to watch it drown because she adored them. What surprised me was how easily she was able to get into the water. You think they would have fences up.

His sister Sheryl, 17, who used to help Tracey with her homework when she brought it back from West End Middle School in Hemsworth, added: There should be wiring all the way round that lake. I am not surprised this has hap-

There is so much vandalism round there it is dangerous. When winter comes they should put fences round the place and close it down because this was a tragedy that was just waiting

to happen."
Meanwhile, council officials revealed that as the tragedy unfolded, youngsters risked their lives by playing on another frozen lake a short distance away. Staff pleaded with them to get off the dangerously thin ice, but they refused.

Hemsworth council, which is reviewing safety measures at the park, said: "While they were dragging bodies out of the big lake, kids were on the ice on the

smaller lake.
"They must have known what had happened but, when they were asked to keep off the ice. we just got abuse from them. It's very difficult to stop them.

This is a first-class leisure facility that attracts around 75,000 people a year and we are constantly reviewing our satety policies. There are already plenof signs up with lots of Don'ts' on them and quite Irankly while the majority of people adhere to them a small minority don't. It's very difficult to stop that."

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Crisis as homeless sent back on streets

NICHOLAS TIMMINS

Four hundred homeless people will today leave London's emergency Christmas shelter despite the continuing bitter cold. The homeless charity Crisis said the shelter had to close, but the Government agreed to fund an extra 100 places until

At the same time Lothian social services opened an extra 13 streets of Bathgate of John Murphy, 54, a homeless man.

The Department of the Environment's action came as Crisis said that 400 people a night had slept at its emergency shelter in Wandsworth, south-west the Resource Information Service, which co-ordinates hostel

Crisis said that its Christmas shelter had to close because it was staffed entirely by voluntcers. They have to go back to work and it is just not feasible to keep it open," a spokes-woman said. Of those who have used the shelter, perhaps 200 were literally homeless and

while the extra beds - 30 of which Crisis will provide at a centre in London's East End would help, the situation remained alarming. "When the weather is like this, you have the risk of people dying on the streets from cold. It is frightening".

Liz Nicholson, director of the London, since it opened two charity for the homeless Sheldays before Christmas and as ter in Scotland, said that Mr Murphy's death was "just waiting to happen. I don't know how places in the capital, said that anybody can survive -19C ... [as] demand for beds had been it was in Edinburgh last night. Les McEwan, director of so-

cial work for Lothian and Edinburgh, said the decision to open extra beds had been taken in light of the weather and before the details of Mr Murphy's death were known.

As of yesterday there had been five applications for the places, but he said: "It is the case

said it had already opened 28 emergency severe weather beds but maintained that not all of beds in Edinburgh following the death on Wednesday on the the Christmas period. It would review the position again in the light of the weather on Tuesday when day-centres and other services for the homeless will resume normal service after the



Under the arches: A man in Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, finds a rough shelter. Four hundred will be no the streets today when the Crisis beds close

that some people choose not to go to hostels, however much we might want ... them to do so." Some preferred, he said, to remain outside despite the cold.

Manchester reached -12C, while an unmanned weather station in Leconfield in Humber-

side recorded England's low of

-26.1C at Newport, Shropshire, on 10 January, 1982. The lowest in Scotland was -27.2C at Braemar on the same date.

An 87-year-old man is feared to have fallen victim to the cold. He was found collapsed near

-15C. The coldest temperature sheltered housing in Edinburgh ever recorded in England was where he was thought to be a

A family stranded by ice on an isolated island in Ulster's Lough Neagh was airlifted to safety by the RAF as their food and fuel supplies dwindled. Mel Downey, warden of the

National Trust-owned Coney Is-land, had made a number of at-and suffered extensive bruising tempts since Christmas to get to shore but could not break

boats were also unable to get through. His family's problems multiplied when his wife, Julia,

Where is

through the ice. Lough rescue

After her rescue today she

was taken to hospital for X-rays. Mrs Downey said: "Normally we keep a good sup-ply of food and fuel on the is-land but we had planned to visit

Photograph: Glynn Griffiths relatives in England for the new year and had allowed the

stocks to run down. "Then the snow and ice arrived, adding to our problems. When the helicopter arrived we were down to our last bag of coal and the generator was startine to run down."

In Russia, only the dogs and drunks are in peril

Every winter, the cold weather takes Britain by surprise. Even in post-Soviet Russia, when the full ferocity of the Russian winter strikes in Moscow, only the drunks and the dogs have any-thing to fear. Public transport runs normally and, however poor, people make sure that their homes are well-heated.

In Ottawa, 40 inches of snow has fallen in the past few weeks. This is the amount that the Canadian capital normally expects in an entire winter, but not a single aircraft has been delayed ont of the city's airport. The contrast is vivid between

countries which regard snow and ice as an inevitable part of winter, and Britain, where winter is treated as an extraordinary act of God. In Russia, ramshackle as it is,

roads and even main footpaths are salted every time there is a Britain lags behind in dealing with the onset of winter, writes Will Bennett

ties of salt applied cause problems for dogs, which suffer from sore paws as a result. Some services are not what

they were in Soviet times, especially in smaller cities where not all roads are kept clear, and in Moscow one cut in government spending has led to the deaths of 250 people in the past two months. All were drunk, and in the past they would have been picked up by trucks, no longer operating, scoming the Russian capital to prevent them falling vietim to

the sub-zero temperatures.
In Canada, dealing with the winter has become an art. Ottawa airport has a fleet of snowploughs, four or five of which clear runways operating in a wing formation followed by snowfall, which caught motorists driving on summer tyres.

trucks with revolving brooms.

On the railways, heat switches

prevent points failures. Even countries eloser to home are more prepared than Britain for snow and ice. The Dutch government has invested huge sums in making sure that it has railway rolling stock that can withstand the fiercest winter temperatures. However, it does have a problem with some of its newest roads which are made of a water-absorbent

material that also sucks up salt. But Britain can take comfort that even the best-prepared Alpine nations can be caught out. Last month much of Austria ground to a halt amid an un-

Bookies' profits are put on ice

Losing streaks are nothing new for betting shops, but they are the punter's. As 1995 draws to a frostbound close, however, Britain's bookmakers are counting the cost after their worst run of misfortune since hetting shops were legalised almost 35 years ago.
With Britain's racecourses

frozen solid the industry estimates that turnover of £50m was lost on Boxing Day alone, and as much again on the three hlank days since. Nor does their luck show

much sign of turning. Betting turnover has dropped significantly in the face of competition from the National Lottery, but the Department of National Heritage denied yesterday that it had any plans to allow book-makers to take bets on the lottery's winning numbers. If the cold spell is prolonged. the the lottery and lack of betting turnover could put bookmakers out of business.

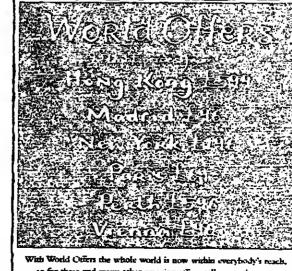
Even the bookies' sole cause for celebration in 1995, a reduction in betting duty, was seen as too little, too late, "It wasn't enough and it was only because the lottery was devastating us that we got it." Tom Kelly, of the Betting Office Licensees Asso-

ciation, said vesterday. British backers can bet on the Irish state lottery numbers at branches of William Hill. but bets on Camelot's numbers are banned due to fears that lottery turnover will be affected. For picking three numbers out of six, bookies might pay out at 55-1 rather than the 9-1 returned by the lottery.
The industry's bad luck is set

to continue this weekend as two all-weather meetings at Wolverhampton are in doubt because low temperatures are causing the course's Fibresand particles to stick together.

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New Year rolls round a second too late

TOM WILKIE Science Editor

Before the Scots set out in the dying moments of Hogmansy to "first foot" their neighbours as the bells ring in the New Year, they will have to pause for a second - exactly a second.

Although it may not seem likely to anyone who has already been at the festive drams, the earth is spinning round more slowly than it should with the result that the year is taking longer to go by.

Scientists have decided that "leap second" should be added to the national timescale at 7pm on New Year's Eve.

at midnight on New Year's Eve, delaying the start of 1996 by one

The "Greenwich" Time Signal to mark the transition be-tween 1995 and 1996 will be exceptional, in that it will contain six instead of the usual five

short pips before the start of the long pip which marks the hour. The leap second is being inserted into national timescales at the same instant world-wide. so the Japanese will enjoy their extra second at 9am on their New Year's Day while New Yorkers will get theirs even before the old year has finished,

For this extra second of their festivities, the Scots can thank the French, for the decision to change our time has been made by the Paris-based International Earth Rotation Service. Researchers there time the rotation of the earth against hy-per-accurate "atomic" clocks

and, if the earth gets out of step with the regularity of the atom-ic world, they dictate that leap seconds should be inserted (or. sometimes, subtracted) from the time that the rest of us keep. The sad truth is that Green-

wich Mean Time is no more.

Whether we know it or not, we

The introduction of UTC followed a decision five years earlier that a second of time should be defined in terms of the vibration of caesium atoms. Time according to this atomic clock can be measured to an accuracy better than one second in 300,000 years and it was not long before researchers detected discrepancies hetween

"old" Universal Time, defined in terms of the rotation of the earth, and atomic seconds. Tidal 'friction' from the effects of the gravitational pull of have been setting our watches the sun and the moon, com-

by Co-ordinated Universal bined with internal inhomo geneities of the earth's compogeneities of the earth's compo-sition, mean that it can speed up or slow down in its rotation. For as long as a second was defined in terms of the earth's rotation. these fluctuations, although detectable, were inherently measurable but they showed up against the better-than-metronomic atomic clocks. A reconciliation was needed and UTC was the result.

Since the switch to UTC, the earth has proved pretty errat-ic. The end-1995 leap second will be the twentieth since Coordinated Universal Time began

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Worldwide crackdown on Internet pornography

CHARLES ARTHUR Science Correspondent

A global crackdown on pornography on the Internet looks like-ly after the US-based online information provider Compu-Serve, cut off access to its 4 million members to more than 200 Internet "newsgroups".

most sex-oriented. The move follows an inves-tigation by the German prosecutor's office which suspects some "newsgroups" are used for passing child pornography. CompuServe said it cut off groups identified "as illegal under German criminal law".

A similar restriction is likely in the US next year when the Communications Decency Act



CompuServe: Cut off user access to 200 newsgroups

hecomes law. A CompuServe spokeswoman said the compa-

ny would comply with US law. Newsgroups are message boards, organised loosely by topic, where Internet users can post comments, pictures and stories, and reply to other users' posts. There are about 19,000 world-wide.

The case is the first time a country has tried to ban Internet newsgroups wholesale. Companies that offer Internet access usually avoid censoring the availability of newsgroups on the basis of content, arguing that to do so would make them responsible for the content of any newsgroup they did corry. They argue that they should instead be allowed to operate like

nical limitations in its computer system, which channels newsgroup postings through its world headquarters in Columbus. Ohio, meant that it had to cut every subscriber off rather than just the 220,000 in Germany.

a legal challenge.

Some see the prosecutor's move as a danger to the Internet's anarchic organisation. "The greatest threat is that rules will be put up and harriers will be set before we even know what this business [the Internet is all about and what great opportunities it offers." said Gary Arlen, president of Arlen Communications, a US research company.

German users complained about the blocking of the newsgroups. "Do we abolish auto-mobile traffic because of a few speeders?" asked one user.

A CompuServe spokeswoman said: "It's a situation where we are the most visible corporation in a new industry, so we're looking at a whole new scenario. This is where the whole issue is so potent, because in normal life there are very few global regulations for anything. e're in uncharted waters."

However, a representative of the German prosecutor's office said that other Internet service providers had already removed the groups. They have closed their lines off from pornography," said a spokes-man, He added that 200 sources of pomography on the Internet are being examined.

The German prosecutor's investigation follows a faw passed in 1994 which made it illegal to possess pornography involving children. The office is also studying "revisionist" claims about Nazi death camps on the Internet. In Germany it is an offence to deny the fact of

The problem for police forces is that the Internet has no cen-CompuServe said that tech- thousands of books a day.

Changing trains: The new regional networks create a market for revamped railway models



Front line: A Hornby model railway train set where changes on the national railway network are to be mirrored in new iveries and uniforms

Privatisation signals rise in stock for Hornby

MATTHEW BRACE

The Government's raifway reshuffle might be causing headaches in the industry and concern among passengers, but a phone company, transmit-ting data without examining it. Information traffic is equal to rail network. For Hornby Hob- even uniforms worn by model

railways since the 1920s - it

means big business. Hornby's commitment to miniaturising accurately the British Rail insignia which national rail system means it model railway buffs will be faces the daunting task of quick to point out - will soon repainting logos, liveries and be out of date if the Govern-

bies Ld - the maker of model stationmasters to keep in step example, for hauling coal trains, with new designs.

Most of its scaled-down rolling stock is decorated with ment's plans go ahead and the ines are sold off.

Homby's marketing manag-er, Simon Kohler, believes privatisation will mean more sales for the company as enthusiasts rush to buy the repainted versions of existing locos and carriages. "The more the merrier. think about this every morning when I listen to the news and all I can see is bonuses for Hom-

by," he said. When these locos were introduced they tended to be in one colour. The class 58 for

was a drab grey. Then they painted them a gorgeous blue with silver and people said, Wow, I want another one'.".

The repainting of these freight locus signalled the start of Hornby's privatisation process. Now privatisation of

It will take about five months to copy a new livery and get the repainted range into the shops. So, if Stagecoach, the bus company that won the franchise for South-west Trains last week, begins running services on schedule in April 1996, then scaled-down versions of its trains should be on sale in time for next Christmas.

David Jinks, editor of Model Railway Enthusiast magazine, will be at the front of the queue. "I'll be there," he said.
"I used to hate the rail blue, as
they called it, that the trains were all painted in. I just couldn't stand it, so this is a

passenger services looks certain, the company is watching and waiting for the first new livery designs

since the old big four rail companies were nationalised." Mr Kohler hopes Hornby's good relationship with the rail authorities will mean it can get sneak previews of new liveries to speed up the programme of change. "After all it's advertising for the companies too," he said. Through us, the Stage-coach liveries in the South, for

good opportunity to get some

new stock with some better

designs. It's also exciting be-

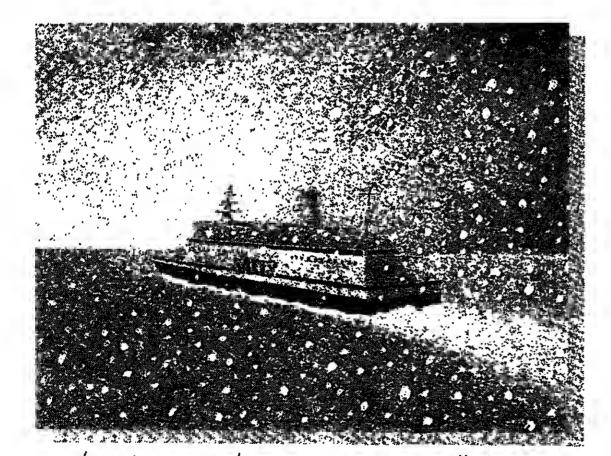
cause this is the first time a change of this scale has occurred

example, will also be seen in Scotland."

Hornby's current prices (between £14 and £45 for diesel locos and £60 for steam) are unlikely to change after privatisation, despite the risk that it might have to pay the passen-ger services a registration fee for the use of their new logos. It has already had to pay some private freight companies for the

Rail privatisation will also aimost certainly signal the widespread phasing out of the British Rail uniform and the donning of new private outfits. Miniature station masters and guards will have to follow suit. By this time next year mod-

el railways could look as dif-. ferent as their full-size counterparts.



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Dieters see slim hope in drug

DANNY PENMAN

A drug which deceives people into thinking they have just eaten could soon take the pain out of dieting, according to researchers at Liverpool Uni-

The scientists have discovered the body's way of trigger-ing bunger. A chemical called neuropeptide-Y sets off a series of brain chemicals that induce food cravings.

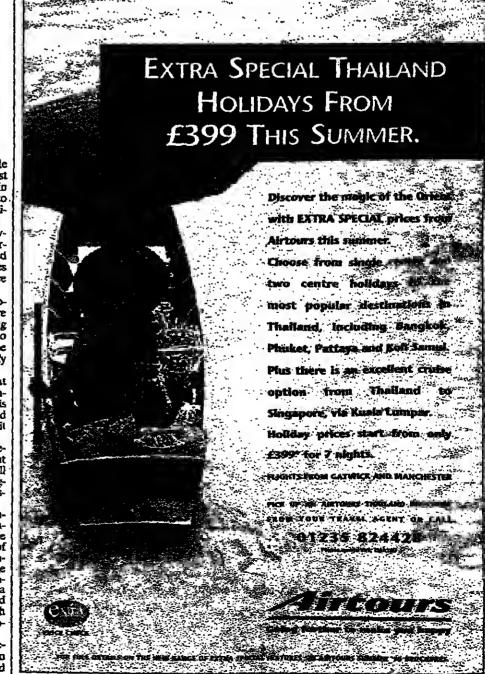
The researchers, led by Professor Gareth Williams, are

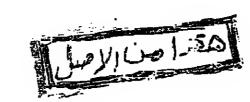
working on a way of blocking the neuropeptide. They hope to produce a drug that can be snorted or sniffed to instantly banish bunger pangs.
Professor Williams says that for many people the body can-not recognise when the body is

overeating. The new drug could trick the body into thinking it had just eaten. "It will work on all people regardless of how much weight they need to lose because it will control one of the strongest sig-nals in the brain." said Professor Williams.

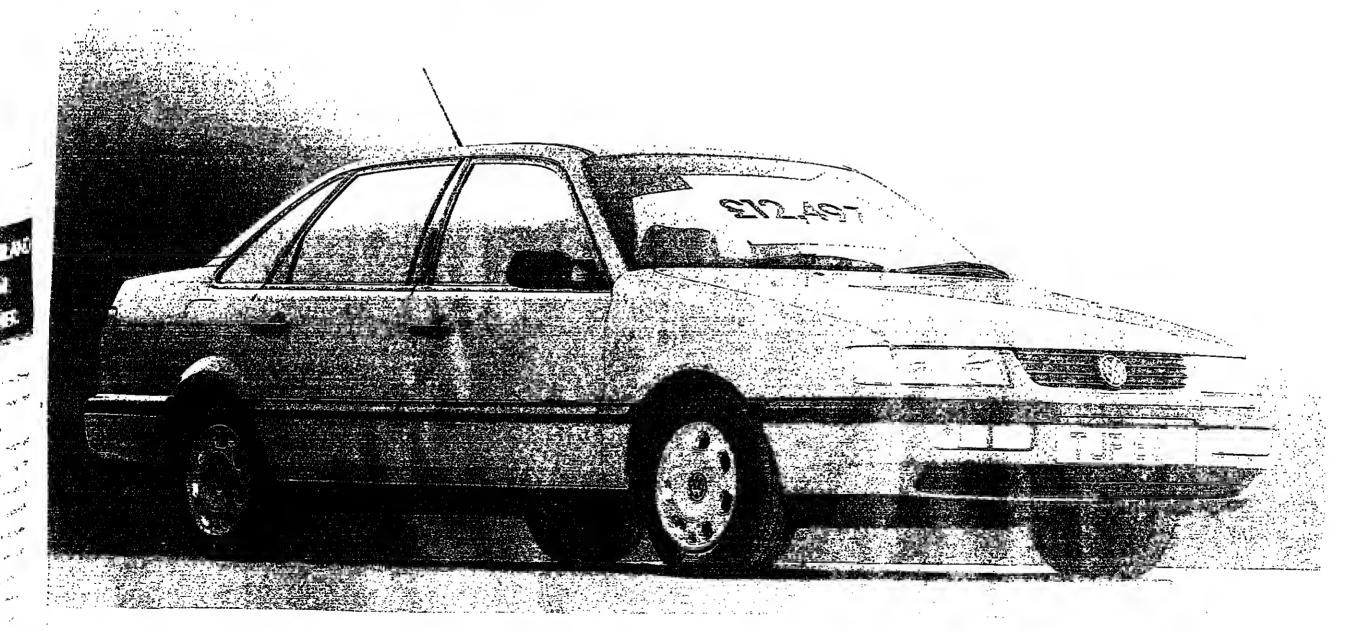
But overeating is more com-plex than a simple desire to ingest calories. Boredom and the desire to change a frame of mind are probably far more important. "People eat to change the way they feel about them-selves and that does not have a lot to do with hunger," said David Sunter, a counsellor with Promis, a service beloing peo ple with eating disorders.

Kim, who is currently receiving counselling from Promis, said the idea sounded "quite ridiculous" but it "would probably be a great money spinner.





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NEW YEAR HONOURS

Tory supporters rewarded Dixons' chief reaps dividend

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

Some of the Conservative Party's most committed benefactors are handsomely rewarded by John Major in Ioday's list.

In common with Graham Kirkham, the DFS furniture chain chief, fambasted by Labour yesterday as an alleged beneficiary of "honours for services", there was a knighthood for Stanley Kalms the Dixons Group chairman - another staunch Tory supporter and donor - and a CBE for Andrew Lansley, formerly director of research at Central Office.

The same reward goes to Paul Judge, former Central Office director general ~ just a month after he was ousled during an

organisational shake-up. For the former Foreign Secretary, Douglas Hurd, there is the infinitely more prestigious Companion of Honour in recognition of lengthy ministe-rial service that included another of the three great offices of state, the Home Office. as well as Northern Ireland. The Prime Minister also ap-pears to have given due credit

to fidelity in the lower ranks. picking out the former Eurorebel Michael Spicer, MP for South Worcestershire, for one of this year's three back-bcoch knighthoods.

Jim Lesier, MP for Broxtowe, and Colin Shepherd, MP for Hereford, are similarly honoured, along with James Molyneaux, the former Ulster Unionist leader.

Time has possibly smiled kindly upon both Mr Judge and Mr Spicer. The process of conferring the knighthoods would have begun before it

Sir Marcus Fox: Privy counsellor Photograph: Tom Pilston was announced that multi-millionaire Mr Judge, 46, was leav-ing Central Office, and before Mr Spicer spectacularly failed to turn up on time for the Govcriment's ill-fated Commons

vote on the Common Fisheries

Policy earlier this month. But for the MP who helped precipitate the humiliating defeat, the ultimate parliamenjarian's reward (short of an eventual peerage) comes in recognition of his willingness to influence Tory European policy from the inside rather than through Commons rebellions.

Although Mr Spicer was one of the ringleaders of the Maastricht revolt, he adopted new tactics of persuasioo and argu-ment, and helped bring eight formerly "whipless" rebels back into the party fold.
Mr Lansley, who has been se-

lected for the new and very safe of Cambridgeshire South, will be one of the few parliamentarians to get a gong before beginning his Commons career.

The awards are among 56 made by Mr Major for political services - mostly to Conservative supporters but including a handful of Liberal Democrat nominations. The former Labour MP turned SDP defector, Dick Taverne, who hecomes a life peer, is one such.

Others receiving honours in-clude David Heathcoat-Amory, the Paymaster General, Michael Ancram, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, and Sir Marcus Fox chairman of the influential 1922 Committee of hack-hench Tory MPs. The three become privy counsellors. Kenneth Calman, the Gov-emment's Chief Medical Offi-

ccr, gets a knighthood. Stella Rimington, out-going directorgeoeral of the security service. becomes a dame.

SIMON PINCOMBE

Stanley Kalms, founder of Britain's best-known chain of electrical retailers, is one of a handful of businessmen knighted in a New Year honours list which saw rewards go to highprofile figures including the economist, Professor Patrick Minford; Peter Wood, the multi-millionaire founder of Direct Line insurance, and Andrew Large, the chief City regulator. Sir Stanley, who floated Dixons on the stock market in 1962, has enjoyed a good year. from less than 190p to 446p at vesterday's market close and the company re-entered the FTSE 100 Index of leading company

shares only last week. When asked how he felt the 62-year-old chairman, a staunch Tory party supporter, said: "He who waits gets his reward. We have been around for 46 years and we are oow a fairly substantial company.

Also knighted is Peter Boofield, chairman of ICL, for services to the information technology and industry. He is

shortly to replace Sir Iain Val-lance as chief executive of British Telecom.

Colin Hope, chairman and chief executive of T&N is knighted for services to the motor manufacturing industry. Shares in T&N, formerly Britaio's higgest ashestos group, leapt earlier this month after an American court threw out a \$185m (£120m) asbestosis case.

Charles Davies, former chief executive of VSEL is knighted for services to the defence industry. Ian Dixon, CBE, chairman of Willmott Dixon, is knighted for services to the construction industry and Francis Hurn, chairman and chief executive of Smiths Industries. is knighted for services to the

engineering industry.
Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investment Board, the City's lead regulator, gets a knighthood for services

to financial regulation.
Peter Wood, the man who revolutionised the insurance industry with his dancing red telephone, gets a CBE, as does Professor Patrick Minford, Professor of Applied Economics at Liverpool University and one of the Chancellor's "wise meo".



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The Prime Minister's List

Life Peers

Gilmore, Sir David Howe, GCMG, turmer head of Her Majesty's Diplomat-Elipatrick, Sir Robert, CBE, former president General Medical Council, Taverne, Dick, QC, president PRIMA

Privy Councillors

Henthcoat-Amory, David Philip, MP for Wells and Her Majesty's Paymast Gen-

Ancram, Michael, DL, MP for Devizes and Minister of State at the Northern frefand Office. For, Sir John Marcus, MBE, MP for Shipley and chairman of the 1922

Companions of

Honour Attenborough, Sir David Frederick. CVO CBE, broadcaster and naturalist. for services to nature broadcasting.
Doll, Sir William Richard Shaboe.

Hard, The Right Hon Douglas Richard. CBE, MP for Witney and Fureign Secretary 1980-93, for political service. Warlock, The Most Rev Derek John Harford Roman Catholic Archbishon Catholic Church and to the communi

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tish Liver Transplantation Unit. Reval Infirmaty, Eduburgh, for services to Chantler, Professor Cyril, Children Nationwide Medical Research Fund. Professor of Paediatric Nephrology, United Medical and Dental Schools.

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neation education and training. Hope, Cohn Frederick Newton, chairman and chief executive of TN ptc. for desiry. Horiock, Professor John Harold, FRS.

treasurer and vice-president of the Royal Society, for services to science, engineering and to education.

ervices to the engineering industry, public service. Kalms, Harold Stanley, executive chair-

man of Dixons group, for services to the electrical retailing industry. Kirkham, Graham, for charitable services to the Duke of Edudurghs Award and to the Animal Health Trust. Reval Society Research Professor, Uni-

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REBECCA FOWLER

Arise Sir SuperMac. Cameron Mackintosh, the theatre impressario who hrought Miss Saigon, Oliver, Five Guys Named Mo and Phantom of the Opera to the stage, was celebrating his knighthood yesterday at his snowbound Scottish estate.

He was joined nn the new year's honours list by some nf the most popular names from the world of arts and media including the pop star Elton John, CBE, artist Beryl Cook, OBE, dancer Antoinette Sibling, DBE, agony aunt Claire Rayner, OBE, and the Rev Wilbert Awdry, OBE, creator of Thomas the Tank Engine.

Sir Cameron, 49, who has created some of the most successful musicals in the world and is renowned for his first-night parties, was in the Western Highlands this weekend where the telephones were down. "We are absolutely delighted for him, but we can't even ring to congratulate him," Nick Alkott, his executive producer said.

"It is very well deserved, because he has worked very hard

for 30 years and presided over a change in the whole face nf British theatre which has transformed it into a world leader."

Among his most successful shows is the musical adaptation of Victor Hugo's novel Les Miserables, which he dubbed the Glums. It has taken £600m in the box office and been seen by 41m people in London, New York, Japan and on tour.

He began his career started sweeping the dress circle at Drury Lane Theatre, and he worked as a theatre hand for £14 a week. He broke into the big time in 1981, when he worked with Sir Andrew Lloyd nn Cats. Although there have been

flops, including Moby Dick, his shows make £1.7m a week and he is worth £200m.

Another great British showman honoured yesterday was Elton Juhn, best-known for the flambovant performances of his ballad-style songs. Britain's second highest earning popstar. on £12.5m, after Phil Collins, he is currently working on a musical based on Verdi's opera Aida. He was also commended in the honour's list for his ebaritable work, including his Elton John Aids Foundation.

oured with a CBE for Nicolas Roeg, the unconventional director who scandalised his producers with Performance in 1968, starring Mick Jagger. He also made Don't Look Now, which included a controversial sex scene hetween Dnnald Sutherland and Julic Christie, and Bad Timing, which starred Theresa Russell, who became his wife.

Women were well represented in the arts and media on the honours list, with appointments including Peggy Mount OBE, the actress, best-known as the formiddable battleaxe Ma Larkin in the Sixties television series. The Larkins: Julie Goodyear MBE, the star of Coronation Street: Jill Paton-Walsh CBE, the children's writer and Frances Line OBE, controller of BBC Radio 2.

Claire Rayner has already been dubbed affectionately "Old Bag Extraordinaire" by her family for her appointment. Ms Rayner, who has had four operations in the last five weeks for a torn cartilage in her knee, said she was a little startled to hear the news, but added: "It's like getting a big tick from teacher.



Elton John CBE: Music and charityPhotograph: Herble Knott

On a winning streak

SPORT

LIZ SEARL .

Jonathan Edwards, England's world champion triple-jumper, is probably best known as the man who preferred to miss a world championship and two European Cup competitions because of his commitment to Christianity.

But this year, Edwards refirst man to break the 18-metres barrier at this year's world

"I'm thrilled - it's a great honour," said Edwards, now an MBE, who was also voted the BBC's Sports Personality nf the Year last month. "Outside of actual athletics,

this achievement, along with winning the BBC award, has been one of my dreams. Now it has come true and I bave got both of them, it is just incredihie. It is a fabulous end to what has been a fantastie year for

Police colleagues of consta-ble Dean Richards, the Leicester and England rugby union forward, may be surprised to

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know that he too, will receive an MBE. They have been known to say that when he walks into a rowdy bar on duty he has the same quietening effect as a Wild-West gunslinger.

On the pitch, his influence is not dissimilar. Although he was suspended two months ago after receiving yellow cards for stamping and punching, Richards, 32, was the leading force in Leicester's triumphant battle in gain this year's versed his decision, and the son Courage League title. I am just an ordinary bloke, sitting in a corner getting on with my life," the world's most capped backrow forward once insisted

Also honoured with MBEs are the most-capped scrum half, Robert Jones of Swansea, and the footballer Ian Rush, who has scored a record 343 goals in 646 league and cup appearances for Liverpool.

Shaun Edwards, the Great Britain and Wigan Rugby League captain this year becomes only the third Rugby League player to have been awarded an OBE, following Mai Reilly (1991) and Garry Schofield (1994). The only play-er to bave figured in all 42 of Wigan's record run of unbeaten Challenge Cup ties. Ed-

On target: Liverpool striker lan Rush gets an MBE

wards, 29, also boasts 15 tries in 36 Test appearances. This year's victorious Ryder Cup golf team is also celebrated, with an OBE for captain Bernard Gallacher. He is joined by the cricketer Dermot Reeve, captain of Warwickshire, who has overseen victnry in six major trophies since

becoming captain in 1993. Sportswomen are also represented, with Karen Dixon, Britain's leading events rider, receiving an MBE. And Even commentators are not left out. Ted Lowe, the whispering voice of snooker, is also honoured with an MBE.

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Smiles for Nato in 'heart of darkness'

Nato's chief commander in Bosnia vesterday visited the Serb citadel of Banja Luka, described by UN officials as The heart of darkness" in reterence to the ethnic purges of the past four years, to a fulsome welcome from local officials.

Children mobbed the US army helicopter ferrying Ad-nat Leighton Smith to a snowy football field in Banja Luka, Serb officers happily escorted him around a sensitive weapons factory and Nikola Koljevic, vice-president of the Bosnian Serb statelet, announced he would tell his constituer remain in five Sarajevo suburbs when they revert to government rule.

Recent history — the refusal of the Serh authorities to allow the top UN official to visit Banja Luka, let alone to deploy peace-keepers, and the "ethnic cleansing of balf a million non-Serbs — was forgotten in

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the honeymoon glow of the Dayton peace plan. "History ture. He said Admiral Smith starts now," the admiral said. "We don't want to go back in time or die up old wounds . . . reconciliation . . . I think that's, what it is all about."

The gloom, fury and confu-

sion permeating Scrb-held Sarajevo, whose citizens face life under the rule of those they besieged for so long, means nothing in Banja Luka, which did relatively well out of the Dayion plan. "We suffered enough for Saraievo; we don't want to get in any more fights," said Tanja Lucic, a young Banja Lukan deputised to translate for Admiral Smith. "The Dayton plan says Sarajevo is not ours anyway, so we just have to agree with it." Rivalry between Banja Luka, the only real city the Serbs hold in Bosnia, and Pale, the village capital near Sarajevo that owed its power to proximity, has

spun into outright hostility. Mr Koljevic, a veteran of the Pale circle, has moved to Banja Luka, apparently in an at-

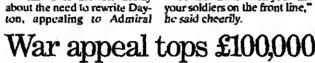
had assured him I-For would do all it could to guarantee the safety of Serbs in Sarajevo: "I will recommend [that Serbs stay] but think it's very difficult to convince them ... and the problem has to be solved in the next two weeks if we want to prevent catastrophe.

However, in line with Pale's attempts to rewrite Dayton, Mr Koljevic said the solution for Sarajevo would be the "Mostar model" of ethnic cantons -which will not happen. Admiral Smith stated categorically that he does not have the authority to extend the transition period to Bosnian rule in Saraievo, and that I-For hoped instead to convince Serbs to stay. "We are seriously trying to convey to the people of Sarajevo that our job is to establish a secure environment in which they can lead normal lives," he said.

period to Bosnian rule over Serb-held Sarajevo, Banja Luka has welcomed 1-For with open arms. Major-General Michael Jackson, commander of the British Nata sector, was in the city vesterday to discuss the logistics of moving his headquarters. And Admiral Smith's request to visit the Kosmos military complex, where missile systems and other weapons are repaired and maintained, won a gushing invitation unthinkable few weeks ago.
"What would you like to

Smith to extend the transition

see?" Colonel Stevan Radivojsa, the director, asked, before leading the admiral to a hangar housing a tank, a howitzer, anti-aircraft guns and a Britishmade Marconi radar system for use with the Serb air-defence network that downed two Nato jets this year. The colonel hand-ed the admiral two gift-wrapped Kosmos diaries as a souvenir. "You can use it when you visit your soldiers on the front line,"



Independent readers have given more than £100,000 to our appeal to support four charities working to help child victims of the wars in former Yugoslavia. The total recorded last night was

£100, 674.

While Pale mutters darkly

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The Red Cross, which is running the largest humanitarian operation in the region, looking after refugee camps and linking people through its mes-

been separated from their fam-

ilies and reuniting them;

saging network; War Child, which plans to build a £2.5m music-therapy centre in Mostar, and to send prosthetics to wounded children in the Tuzla area:

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al, which aims to bring 100 sick Painful parting: Dionne Polk hugs her boyfriend Mark Tucker at New Orleans airport focusing on children who have children to Britain for treatment. before his departure to serve in the peace-keeping force in Bosnia ... PhotographtAP

IN BRIEF

Colonel blamed for death of his men

Brussels - A Belgian officer who served with the United Nations in Rwanda last year is to stand trial over the massacre of 10 of his men by Rwandan soldiers, the Belgian army announced yesterday. Colonel. Luc Marchal will face charges in a military tribunal of "homicide by lack of foresight and pre-caution". The 10 Belgian peace-keepers were captured, tortured and killed by Rwandan troops on 7 April 1994, the day after the country's President, Juvénal Habyarimana, died in a suspicious air crash. The Belgians were guarding the Rwan-dan Prime Minister. Agathe Ulwingiyimana, who was also killed by rampaging Rwandan

Mafia on the move Palermo — The reputed Matia "boss of bosses" and 14 other alleged mob leaders have been transferred from a Sicilian prison after the killing of a jail official. The 15 suspects, in-cluding the alleged Mafia king-pin Salvatore. "Tato" Rima, were moved to maximum-secarrity cells in northern Italy, Poprison agent Gruseppe Montalto may have come from m-side the Ucciardone prison in Palermo, where Rima and the others were held.

US executed 56

Washington - Fifty-six killers were executed in the United States this year, the highest national figure for capital punishment since 1957. With more than 3,000 men and women on death rows awaiting execution, the prospect for 1996 is a still higher total.

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Red Sea mediation Sanaa — The UN Secretary-General, Boutros Boutros-

Ghali, arrived in Sanaz, where he is expected to mediate between Yemen and Eritrea in a. dispute over Red Sea islands which turned violeot this month.

Royal break

Osle - Crown Prince Haakon is hresking Norwegian royal traditions and planning to attend university in the United States instead of England. Prince. Haakon, in a year-end interview, did not say which university he wants to attend. But the teenager said he wants to study political science. Both his father. King Harald, and his grand-father, King Olav, went to

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Australians unveil the fastest killing machine in history

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY

An Australian gun that can fire 20 times as fast as the world's fastest-shooting machine-gun is likely to revolutionise

weapons technology.

The gun, which has already been tested, can shoot 135,000 rounds a minute at a target - so much metal that it could even

he used to defeat laser-guided when the Argentines used Exsmart" bombs. The Australian government's export agency. Austrade, is looking at selling the design, though it is unlikely to he available soon. Senior Australian officials

said they were still evaluating the new weapon but that it was potentially a "most significant" development.

ocet "sea-skimming" missiles to disable HMS Sheffield, warship designers have made ships bristle with rapid-firing guns such as the American Vulcan Phalans, which can pour out up to 6,000 rounds a minute, as a lastditch defence.

But the technology used in the new weapon, which has al-Since the 1982 Falklands war. ready fired 20 times faster than

the Phalanx, could also be significant in defeating incoming ballistic and cruise missiles, which are of increasing concern to developed countries, It could also defend important targets against the "smart" bombs widely used in the Gulf war.

The Australian inventor of "Metal Storm", Mike O'Dwyer, went back to the origins of firearms in the 14th century to

build a weapon that "threw more lead than existing technology".

The principle is extremely

simple, and eliminates the need for moving parts. MAB Engineering, which makes rifles for Australia's Olympic shooting team, has built prototypes of the weapon which cost 1.5m Australian dollars (£723,000) to pared to most defence developments.

Whereas conventional rapidfire Gatling guns have multiple barrels, each of which fires a round and is then reloaded, each barrel of Metal Storm has many rounds - the latest prototype has 90 - stacked one behind the other in each barrel. That way, the six-barrelled

oew pod is then substituted.
"We have been able to put multiple rounds in an individual barrel separated by propellant loads," said Mr O Dwyer, "and develop a simple means of then firing the leading rounds and preventing the ignition of highpressure hot gases sneaking round past the following round

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Boris's back: President Yeltsin being greeted on return to the Kremlin after his illness

Hapless new year for Italy as Dini quits

ANDREW GUMBEL

lialy effectively guaranteed yes-terday that it would wake up on New Year's morning with a political hangover of gigantic proportions, as its government prepared to resign and politicians blankly asked themselves what on earth will happen next.

berto Dini, announced that he would go to the presidential palace this morning to hand in his resignation following the completion of the temporary mandate bestowed on him a lit-tle over 11 months ago. The move had been anticipated after approval of the 1996 budget. the last plank of Mr Dini's four-point programme, in the Senate just before Christmas. But Mr Dini's departure leaves the country not so much with a political crisis as with a political vacuum. Parliament Photograph: AP | was supposed to have decided

Dini's mandate, approve an alternative government or move to general elections. But, as it jurned out, the country's political parties have been star-Hingly unable to resolve the question, and parliament remains as divided as ever.

Italy thus moves into 1996. The Prime Minister, Lam- and its six-month-long term as president of the European Union, in a state of political chaos every hit as complex as the one it found itself in a year ago, when Mr Dini was appointed in extremts after the resignation of his predecessor. Silvio Berlusconi.

Until a concrete decision is forthcoming. Mr Dini will continue in a caretaker capacity. But the country's inability to put its political house in order. more than three years after the old Christian Democrat-led order collapsed in a heap of corruption scandals, risks seriously damaging its credibility and the prospect of playing a key role in European construction.

"Everything is very fluid. Anything could happen," one government source said this week in an indication of the climate of sheer hewilderment about the future. Even Italy's most revered political commentators, such as the historian and journalist Indro Montanelli or the broadcaster Enzo Biagi, admit they have givon up trying to understand

what is going on. Broadly speaking, there are three possible options: President Oscar Luigi Scal-

faro dissolves parliament and ealls a general election. This is the option everyone wants to avoid, because there is no guarantee a new parliament would succeed any better than its predecessor in producing a stable

ther damage the country's credibility in toreign capitals and on the financial markets.

Mr Dini stays on for six to nine months to see Italy through the EU presidency. further prune its public finances in a last-ditch attempt to join the single European currency, and overhaul the electoral system to make it more workable.

This is probably the most rational option, and the one Mr Dini favours, but could be torpedoed by parliament's fratricidal instincts.

All parties get together to form a government of nationof unity, with a two-year mandate to carry out wide-ranging constitutional reforms and perform the necessary economic surgery. Mr Berlusconi proposed this two days ago, egged on by approving noises from the majority to back a government. President, but few believe it Elections would also disrupt could hold together for long.

Yeltsin returns to keep Russia in suspense

BRIAN KILLEN

Yeltsin, returning to the Kremlin unannounced, recorded a New Year address to the nation vesterday but maintained suspense over his political future.

The 64-year-old Russian leader, well wrapped op against freezing temperatures, strolled through the snow-covered grounds of the Kremlin on his first day back at work since suffering a heart attack more than two months ago, and stopped to chat with tourists in Cathedral

Square. Mr Yeltsin vowed to stick to his programme of reforms, de-spite gains by his Communist gave oo dues about whether he would seek re-election as president oest year. "I am still thinking about it," he said. of February.

Under the Russian constitution, real power lies in the presidency, and Mr Yeltsin's presurency, and Mr Yeltsin's Mr Yeltsin told Interfax he rivals are already gearing up for was oot ready to go back to an election scheduled for 16 working 18-hour days. "It is im-

The President left a sanatorium earlier this week to spend the New Year holiday with his

try residence in Barvikha, a wooded area west of Moscow. He was taken to hospital on 26 Moscow - President Boris October for the second time in less than four months, suffering from ischaemia, a blood-supply problem. He has been increas-

ing his workload gradually.
Interfax news agency said
Mr Yeltsin assured Muscovites during his walkabout that there would be oo reversal of market reforms, but acknowledged that the impact of reforms ought to be sofiened next year.

He pointed to signs of economic stabilisation, saying industrial output should grow and people should begin to

feel the benefits. However, he repeated a warning about economic "saboopponents in last week's par-liamentary elections. But he ministries of economy and finance and some other organisations had to be improved. "There are still people there who are abusing the adding that he would announce tions. A ruthless struggle must his intentions at the beginning be waged with them; he said.

There are bureaucrats who are blatantly stealing and there are more than a few of them."

working 18-hour days. "It is im-possible to drive oneself too hard like the last time," he said, referring to his hasty return to work after his first hospital family at a oeighbouring coun- stay in July.

God and Allah may not see eye to eye on this one.

Frankly We don't give a dame.



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Life is a human right.

Tax grudge clue in Reno bomb plot

JOHN CARLIN Washington

Two neighbours from Gardnerville, Nevada, discovered over a chat on a Sunday morning recently that they had a common dislike: the taxman.

So that day, according to the police, they built a 100th bomb, placed it inside a plastic drum, drove 45 miles north to the city of Reno and dropped it outside. an office of the Inland Revenue



Hurst (left) and Ballie: Hated the Inland Revenue

Service. The ingredients Ellis Edward Hurst and Joseph Martin Bailie used to make the bomb were fertiliser and fuel, the mixture that blew up a government building in Oklahoma
City in April, killing 169 people.
IRS. What appears to have upset Mr Bailie is the action the the similarity ends.

Because of a faulty fuse, the bomb failed to go off. Nor was it apparently designed to cause loss of life. Had the homemade device detonated, it might have levelled the building. But

the likelihood was that none of the 70 tax-office employees would have been burt, as the bomb was timed to go off on the evening of Sunday, 17 Decem-ber, when the building was

Mr Hurst allegedly confessed to the crime, implicating his friend, Mr Bailie, after his arrest on Thursday. FBI officials said yesterday they had established no connection between the would-be Reno bombers one a garbage-disposal worker. the other an odd-job man - and the two suspected right-wing ex-tremists accused of the Oklahoma killings. Neither had they found any evidence to suggest Mr Hurst and Mr Bailie belonged to any organised political faction, such as the far-right "militias" whose members have been linked to a series of bomb-ings of government buildings in da over the past two years. "We have nothing to indicate this was connected with any oth-

er bombings in Nevada or anywhere else in the United States," an FBI agent said at a news conference on Thursday. However, officials said they

were continuing investigations and would not rule out the possibility that the two men, who have been charged and face a maximum prison sentence of 50 years each, might have been part of an anti-tax movement that has been growing in the western US in recent years.

So far the evidence suggests Mr Hurst and Mr Bailie acted on their own initiatives. Federal prosecutors said both men IRS took to oblige him to meet his fiscal obligations. According to police, they wrote to Mr Bailie's employer with instructions to send his month's wages straight to the IRS in lieu of un-

Deadwood stages revival of Wild West casino



Deadwood, South Dakota

"This is not Las Vegas," assured the Mayor of Deadwood, exuding manners and sweet reason not instantly associated with a city of hurid pedigree. Her

Elected in May, Barbara Allen is the first woman to run this landmark of the once-Wild West, now a lovingly restored, child-friendly theme park whose patron saints are Kevin Costner and the benign shade of Wild Bill Hickok. But whether in the Nevada desert or at one of the 83 casinos here in the Black Hills of South Dakota, a slot machine is a slot machine. No less than Vegas, Deadwood is a monument to gambling, Amer-ica's true pastime - a pastime that finally is turning sour.

Just a decade ago, the rip-roaring Deadwood Gulch of 1870s gold-rush fame was dying on its feet, ravaged by fire, flood and the diminishing revenues from the local mine, eking out a parlous living on the celebrity of one-time inhabitants

came the third state to legalise casino gambling, after Nevada and New Jersey. By high-rolling Vegas stan-dards, Deadwood is pretty

tame: blackjack, poker and slots only, and a maximum stake of \$5. But Ms Allen has no doubt that gambling saved Deadwood: of the industry are steadily Without it, our little town was down for the count." A town of 2,000 now attracts 1.3 million visitors a year who wager over \$50m (£32m) a month. Main Street is lined with saloons, casinos and gambling dens, among them the Midnight Star, owned by Kevin Costner, complete with sports bar, swanky restaurant and window cases full of costumes worn by the great man in his most famous films.

As for Wild Bill, he bestrides the place from beyond the grave, even though he was only in town for five weeks before he was gunned down (while playing poker) on 2 August 1876. His droop-moustached face looms from statues, bars and camperounds, drawing in the

Then in 1989, and only for and beyond. "Most of them Deadwood, South Dakota be-have grey hair; they're out for a good time," says Ms Allen. "We're more homey than other casino towns; Deadwood is

for the family." But even here, m a relative showcase for gambling - or rather "gaming" or "casino entertainment" as its promoters call it - the problems In 20 years, gambling has turned from sideshow to na-

bet \$480bn a year, equivalent to 7 per cent of the gross domestic product. Half the population, 125 million, visited a casino last year. In Mississippi, America's poorest state, more money was spent in casinos - \$29bn - than on taxable retail goods." Today, however, the boom is

slowing, and in some places turning to bust. One explanation is the economic cycle, the laws of supply and demand apply to gambling too. But deeper currents are at work. If it is true that two great forces wrestle in the American soul - puritanism and libertarianism - then after a decade of the latter, the penulum is swinging towards the

puritans' way. Take New Orleans, freewheeling metropolis of a Louisiana where the outgoing Democratic governor, Edwin gambling addict whose main claim to fame is having once paid a \$500,000 debt to a Las Vegas casino with a suitcase full of cash. In the Big Easy, sure-ly, gambling could not fail, but Mississippi have shut, and construction of a huge casino on the edge of the French Quarter has halted. Mr Edward's successor is a Republican businessman who ran on an anti-gambling

As more and more states get into the act, realisation has dawned that money wagered at the gaming tables is drawn from other parts of the economy, that business and jobs gained by a casino town are lost elsewhere. Most important, the huge social costs of gambling -the financial pressures, crime, the direct and indirect destruction of families - are becoming ever more apparent. An astonishing 4 per cent of the population are "problem gamblers", according to one recent study. The fiasco in New Orleans is forcing Louisiana to chop \$80m out of its \$4.3bn budget, while the city is having

to lay off 300 workers A legal quirk allows Indians to run casinos oo their reserstates permit gambling else-where. But despite intense lob-bying by an industry with annual gross revenues of \$40on, those figures have not changed for two industry boast that soon every American will be three hours or less away from a casino.

Even Deadwood has its prob lems. For all the carefully rebuilt and repainted facades, the restoration of the original brickpaved streets and other imtheft and other gamblingrelated crimes are on the in-

happy face of Casinoland USA.
Proudly, Ms Allen points to
one peculiar surge in her civic duties. "In seven months I've married 120 couples, only five of them local. When lask them why they come here, they just say, 'Well, we heard Dendwood was a neat place'." And it is. But for how much longer?

Crash pilots 'distracted by small talk'

Latin America Correspondent

The pilots of an American Airlines plane which crashed in about their shifts: Colombia before Christmas plane's stewardesses and failed to carry out a routine pre-landing checklist, according to a

prelimitary report.

Colombia's Civil Aviation Authority report suggested a last-minute wrong turn by the pilots caused the Boeing 757 to this case Captain Nicholas To-hit a mountain near its desti- furi, 57, who had been 26 years pilots caused the Bocing 757 to nation, the city of Cali, on a flight from Miami on 20 December, killing all but four of

the 167 people on board.

Then, when flashing "pull up" alarms told the pilots they were too close to the ground, they gunned the engines and hauled the nose up but ne-glected to deactivate the plane's landing "speed brakes," making it difficult to gain altitude, the report said. It did not say whether switching off the brakes would have given them enough altitude to clear the 12,000ft mountain.

While not questioning the re-port, an air-traffic controller in Cali said the disaster might have been averted if the aviation authorities had replaced a radar beacon destroyed by Marxist guerrillas in 1992. Had there been a beacon in the crash area, 40 miles from the city, Cali airport would have noticed that the plane was astray and could have corrected its course, said the controller.

The Colombian report, based on data taken from the plane's two flight recorders, included some, but not all, of the last dialogue between the pilots and

the Cali control tower. It did not include the pilots' conversaindicated they had been talking

"An extensive discussion on had been involved in an "ex-subjects not relevant to the tensive discussion" about the flight is heard before the de-

scent," the report said.
"The subject of the discussion refers to the schedules of the flight attendants."

Although only preliminary, the report came as a reminder that experienced pilots - in had logged 10,000 flying hours. including many landings in Cali - can make fatal mistakes. It also looked certain to launch millions of dollars' worth of law-

suits against the airline. American lawyers are already arriving in Colombia, offering their services to relatives of victims. By yesterday two Miami attorneys had lodged suits against the airline.

In a statement which appeared to accept the findings of the Colombian report, Ameri-can Airlines said: We are saddened that human error on the part of our people may have contributed to the accident. The accident reminds us that aviation, while not inherently dangerous, is terribly unforgiv-ing of any inattention to detail."

The report said the pilots, structions from the Cali control tower, made a sudden left turn to the east for 90 seconds near the town of Tulua, discussed the move among themselves; then ordered the plane's automatic pilot to turn back to the right. The detour took them directly into the San Jose mountain.

Rawlings 'threw punches in cabinet'

Accra (Reuter) - Ghana's vice-president said yesterday he was kicked in the groin and punched by President Jerry Rawlings in a fight at a cabinet

"He gave me a terrible blow on the shoulder which sent me falling to the floor." Nkensen Arkaah told a news conference, which was also attended by diplomats. "He then attempted to pull me up by my shoulder in order to hit me further. He tore the shoulder of my jacket in the process." he said.

Vice-President Arkaah, coleader of an opposition coalition, was recently quoted as saying that Cabinet meetings had become the forum for corrupt and unscrupulous plans". At Thursday's Cabinet meeting

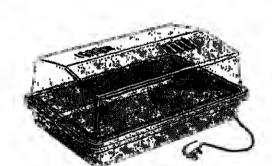
Mr Arkaah, with his wife Mariam by his side at the news conference, insisted he had well as police and medical reports to prove it.

'In his frustration he kicked me a couple of times in the groin before members present were able to restrain him."

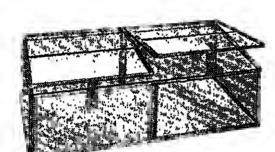
According to a government statement, the 68-year-old Mr. Arkaah, who chairs all cabinet meetings, was presiding over Thursday's session when Mr prove the allegations of corruption. The President also insisted that, in the meantime, Mr Arkaah not participate in Cabinet meetings. Mr Rawlings said he merely took his arm and

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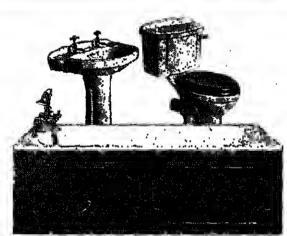
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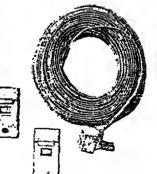


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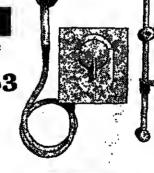
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It's the end of the world as they know it

Seemingly sane people believe 1996 is the year of Armageddon. Could they be right? asks Paul Vallely

He seems an ordinary kind of chap, Gideoo Scott, when he stops people on the streets of Leicester or Birmingham for a chat. He has common-sense views on politics. His aspirations for his children seem those of most normal pareots. He wears ordioary-looking clothes - "which do not hide strange underwear", he quips merrily. But Gideon Scott is not like the rest of us. He is waiting for the end

As the rest of the populace muli over their commonplace aspirations for the New Year, Gideon Scott has something rather more profound in mind. He is a member of one of dozens of millennial groups throughout Britain who are preparing for the End Time, hich is expected 2,000 years after the coming of Christ. And since most scholars now reckon Christ was actually born in 4BC, that means that the two millennia will be up in 1996. Welcome to Armageddon.

All good wacky stuff? The Freech police do not seem to think so. Yesterday they published a report on the growth of millennial sects within France which sounded a note of alarm. It followed the 16 deaths there this mouth of members of the Solar Temple cult, 53 members of which also died the year before in Switzerland and Canada. The fear is that such deaths could happen with increasing frequency as the

next millennium approaches.
The Order of the Solar Temple predicts a millennial cataclysm - directed by a chosen few of its ascended members from the star Sirlus - and believes ritual sacrifice will save followers from the wrath of God. French police report that there are now some 173 sects in France with 400 hranches and 130,000 memhers: many are New Age sects whose membership has grown significantly since the discovery of the Aids

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virus by offering miracle cures; at least 15 are doomsday cults. The authorities in Russia and Japan are concerned, too. The Aum Shinri Kyo - which was blamed for the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway system - claims to have 10,000 members in Japan and as many as 30,000 across the Russian border, where its international radio statioo is based. Its members are not vulnerable nohopers; they are professionals. technicians and graduates of Japan's top universities, and include one of the country's leading lawyers, a former member of the Japanese space agency and serving members in the Japanese army. The group is organised into "ministries" that shadow government departments so as to be ready to seize power after the global war they predict for 1997.

How serious a threat is all

this? Can those who manufac-ture oerve gas be compared with Love Corps Networking (California, in case you need to ask), which is currently promoting the revealed truths of Virginia Essene and Sheldon Nidle? Mr Nidle, who is in direct communication with time lords from Sirius, warns that in 1996 our solar system will enter a photon belt near the Pleiades, where it will pass through an "interdimensional rescue bubble"; this will thrust us into the fifth dimension and leave us in three days of total darkness (in which all electrical devices will stop operating and toilets will not flush) before we emerge as invigorated ethereal heings with incredible psychic

And how potent a threat is Apostle Keith Abraham? Aposthe Keith is the white South African leader of an otherwise Afro-Caribbean church in Birmingham which gives us five years to repent before the world ends. "They never helieved Noah: they never believed Jesus; they never believed Apostle Keith Ahraham," admonishes his literature before revealing that "only Apostle Keith Abraham has heard the voice of God today". His singular apocalyptic insight turns around the juxtaposition of the prophet Joel's "The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood" [Chapter 2, Verse 31] with a headline from Today newspaper on 9 February 1990 which proclaimed: "Moon

The Aum group is ready to seize power after the global war they predict for 1997

turns hlood red" - a prophecy which the messenger singularly failed to comprehend, which no doubt explains its untimely closure early this year. "Beat Eternal Death! Join Sacred Africa

today, "Apostle Keith urges. What is causing all the perpurbation is a unique conjunction. Somewhere around now give or take a few decades, no one can be quite sure - an era ends in the astrological chart: the Age of Pisces gives way to



Waiting for Doomsday: Gideon Scott has had 12 children despite his belief that the world will end next year, or thereabouts

the Age of Aquarius. At the same time The Millennium of Christian theology looms. Exactly what the latter is

remains a matter of some debate. A thousand years for Man is equal to one day for God (according to Isaiah). Since it is oow 6,000 years since the Creation - keep geology out of this, please, we are talking serious fuodamentalism here— the final "day" must he due to begin soon. The Book of Rev-elation sets this out in graphic detail: the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse appear and the wrath of God falls upon the world, then appears the Anti-Christ before Christ returns to defeat the forces of darkness and reign for 1,000 years, along with the saints and resurrected martyrs: there then follows a final battle with Satan and the

In the early years, Christians such as St Paul believed it all literally. But as time passed and the world continued, the Church developed a more allegorical understanding of the text. From time to time, however, an outhreak of literalism seized sections of the faithful. In AD156 the heretic Montanus declared himself the incarnation of the Holy Ghost and announced that a Third Age was imminent. There were

final judgment of all the dead.

similar prophesies and move-ments in AD666 (666 was the sign of the Antichrist) and in the years 1000 (the first millennium), 1033 (millenoium plus the years of Christ's life). 656 (the number of years between the Creation and the Flood and 1666 (millennium plus Sign of Beast).

In every period of significant social change since, millennarianism has reared its head. The Reformation produced the doomsday cults of the Tahorites, Anabaptists and Moravian Brethren in Europe and the Independents and Fifth Monarchy Men in England. It re-emerged with the Enlightenment and the burgeoning of science - the growth of interest in measurement and quantifi-cation produced a literalism which spread to biblical scholarship. In the United States and Europe there came the Irvin-gites, Mormons. Seventh-Day Adventists and Jehovah's Witnesses, all of them consumed with End-Time preoccupations.

Many were fixated upon exact measurements. The Millerites settled upon 21 March 1843 for the end of the world. When it passed without event they recalculated to the end of 1844 - which etapsed with what the disbanding cult tagged The Great Disappointment. The

Jehovah's Witnesses lighted upon 1914 (the first of a number of disappointments for them) and the Jockey Club of Barcelona (don't ask) on 1921. And so it went on: the Moonies had 1968, the Church Universal and Triumphant 1990 and the Children of God 1993. The same year the Great White Brotherhood all went up a mountain in Russia on 14 November to await the Great

Apocalypse and had to all troop down again the next morning. It is amazing how they man-age to talk their way out of it. says Damian Thompson, who is writing a book on millennial cults. "They have an array of excuses: they averted it by prayer. Christ returned but only at a spiritual level, they got the dates wrong and it will happen later - though there is a limit to the number of times you can pull that one. Some of them have been

caught out so many times that they have become wary. Elizaboth Clare Prophet, leader of umphant, predicted cataclysm in 1990 and commanded thousands of followers to sell prop-erty and move to a vast ranch her followers prefer not to be

so specific, "We don't know that something's going to happen." says her press man. Murray Steinmann, "We're in the midst of a period of heavy returning karma which means a greater potential for the kind of scourges that have plagued mankind throughout history ~ war, famine, diseases, recession, ozone layer, ... But we believe we can lessen or mitigate the impact of karma by prayer, chanting and meditation to invoke the power of

In every period of significant change millennarianism has reared its head again

God and the intercession of angels to come down and improve the life of our fellow

The fundamentalist Christhe Church Universal and Tri-tians want nothing so nambypamby as averting Armaged-don. What we do here on earth is fitting us for life in etercrty and move to a vast ranch in Montana, where they had - captaining why, despite the end somewhat faithlessly - built of the world, he had had 12 chilunderground bunkers. Today dren by the age of 44. "Therefore, the fact that we think

some holocaust is imminent doesn't make much difference," To him the signs point to the inevitability of the imminent End Time. "The restoration of the state of Israel, the growth of a cashless society, the possibility of universal ID cards. he recent peace treaty to mark the end of wars in the Middle East - all these are predicted in the Bible as coming just before the Second Coming. It is setting the stage for a one-world dic-tator who will appear to be the saviour of mankind and will introduce a universal credit system but who will turn out to be the Antichrist, But the Bible doesn't give us a year and people who name one are clutch-

At the anti-cult organisation Christian Rescue, the director, Rev John Celia, is worried. He what we say, but they don't wants the British government think we're mad to believe it. A to set up a register of new religious groups, much as yester-showed that 40 per cent of the day's police report recommended for France, "Supernatural belief can be a very powerful force in a person's life - and if that's manipulated for any reason it can be very dangerous," he says.

ing at straws."

He too fears that the phenomeoon is growing. 'Around 700 new groups have appeared in the past 20 years, half of them in the past seven years.

Christian Rescue this year received 5,000 calls for help compared with only 5,000 the year before. The Aum cult in Tokyo shows that these thing are not always inward focused: they can turn outwards and end with people out on the street looking to kill."

At the London School of Economics, Professor Eileen Barker, the country's leading academic expert on cults, is more sanguine. TAll religion can be wacky," she shrugs. "People do believe in very strange things."

But is the strange becoming more normal? Gideon Scott insists that people do not now regard him as odd. "The people I meet on the street all the time don't seem to think we're wacky: they might not believe US population think Jesus is going to return. Obviously, England is different, but people are far more likely to believe now than they were 25 vears ago. It seemed only too likely.

"Happy New Year," he said in conclusion, "Happy New Year," I replied, but I was not quite certain we had the same thing

Jo Brand's week

This is the time of year when somehow the former staff of the emergency clinic in south London where I used to work manage, through various confused phone calls, to get together at a restaurant to catch up on each others' lives, survey pictures of expanding families and chew over relationships, illnesses, joh changes, holidays, the NHS and other general gossip. So I was rather perturbed to find us all sitting in a pizza place with a very loud jazz combo, which enabled us only to throw out very rushed snippets of information between "Route 66" and that tune from the Guinness advert.

Not only that, the band had distributed leaflets from which it appeared that they were sponsored by Dianetics, L Ron Hubbard's multimillion-selling tome designed to change all our lives through the Church of Scientology. I'm not happy about this. It's bad enough dodging Stepford husbands and wives in Tottenham Court Road as they try and lure you in for a personality test and then snare you into giving all your dosh away. It especially annoyed me because some of that dosh went to a band who, accomplished as they were, huggered up my annual reunion with all my nursing mates.

How charming to hear Brigitte Bardot described as "a battered turkey" by a columnist in the Mirror this week. He obviously considers the ex-sex symbol worthy of abuse because of her attempts to get involved with animal rights and noturally fixates on the bits that have drooped as age advances. We women always fall victim to any of our views being trivialised by references to our appearance, whether we be bimbos or hags. Th paraphrase a famous speech, if yon ore a woman in this country do not be ugly, do not be fat, dn not be nid and do not have a big chest: no one will listen to a word yon're saying.



I would like to send my very best wishes to Garry Bushell, the Sun's television critic, who finally appears to have his own show on television. I wish him every success. I know how difficult the first series can be and how nail-biting it is waiting for the reaction of the viewing public and the critics. As a rather green, naive performer back a couple of years ago when I first did telly, Garry's words of encouragement and wisdom made all the difference to me and his continued support - consisting of glowing, erudite comments ("erudite" means learned by the way, Garry), about how fat and ugly I am - has been a continuous source of joy to me. Cheer up Brigitte, at least he's not gunning for you. Still, I expect he'll get a good review in the Sun.

So Princess Diana is regularly seeing Susic Orbach, the therapist and anthor of Fat is A Feminist Issue, which in o notshell advises women not to diet and they will fall into a natural eating pattern. I tried this and put on about three stone. I met Susie Orbach at an awards ceremony and made the mistake of doing a joke obout her book. I said I'd read it, got half-way through and caten it. Susie



perhaps we'll see the princess halloon

Scientists have made agother breakthrough oo the dieting front. Hurrah, I say, as millions of teenage girls prepare to become more like knitting needles than ever. This latest breakthrough consists of a nasal spray that sends a message to your brain that you're not buogry after all. Calm down, though, it's oot going to he available before the next ceotury. I suppose until then we'll all have to continue to rely on that other message which so many charming men out and about on the streets send: that we're horrible to took at.



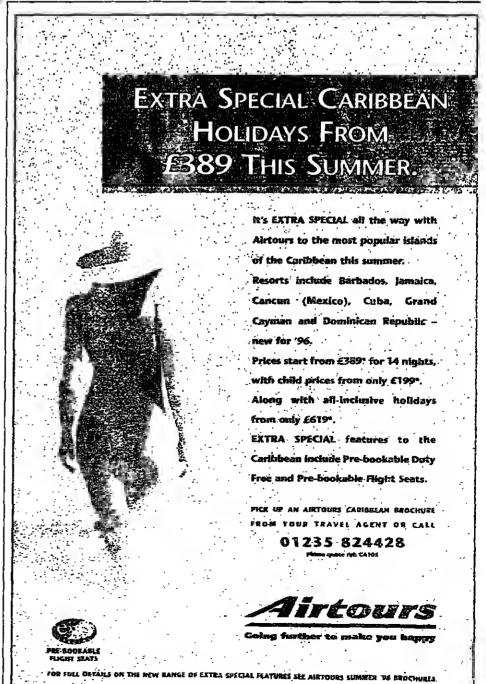
Princess Anne is unhappy about the fact that an executive village may be built nn her doorstep, inviting cries of that very irritating acronym.

media. I can't help but agree with her. Who wants to live near a load of puffed-up, snobbish, self-satisfied bores? Nnt her, which is maybe why she spends so little time with her family. Bet she'd almost rather hove a community home for those with mental health problems near her. I

Everyone seems to be doing a review of the year which takes in the major events, so I thought I'd do a rather sad review of the year which takes in major events. The year started badly as I spent about a week in bed in Cornwall swooning like Elizabeth Barrett Browning with a dose of broochitis, while all my friends enjoyed themselves in the puh and threw me the odd pork pie. It was then on to writing the oext series for Channel 4 and 1 speot several months, no doubt like Elizabeth Barrett Browning, staring at a blank piece of

paper.
I asked the bloke who sets up my tours to book me into some small theatres so I could try out some new jokes, only to discover on the first night at Watford in front of 1.400 people that I was not going to get away with experimental material about cottage cheese (unlike Elizabeth Barrett Browning, I suspect). The show somehow got writtee, but by the time I was ready to make the series I was so shattered I could barely raise my head from the bed. I seriously considered "doing a Stephen Fry".

I got through the filming with a mere black eye, having hit myself in the face with a machine gun (don't ask). After a brief sojourn in Edinburgh and 800 bottles of lager. 1 began to prepare for my tour by looking at a blank piece of paper agam. I am beginning to wonder why there are so many blank pieces of paper in my life. Anyway, Happy New Year to everyone, especially my mum.



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Bravery at the lakeside leaves its powerful legacy

Michael Mee knew the risks of trying to rescue 11-year-old Tracey Patterson after she fell through thin ice on Thursday. He was a fireman. In his 26 years' experience in the fire brigade, he would have encountered and been trained for such situations. He had already seen another passer-by - Jack Craw-shaw, who may have been less aware of the dangers - try to cross the ice and also plunge into the water.

In short, as the scene unfolded at the lake in Hernsworth Park, West Yorkshire, Michael Mee would have realised that he was likely to fail and that he could die in the attempt to fish Tracey out of the water. He was not required professionally to put his life on the line; he was off duty. Tracey was no relation: she was probably not even known to her would-be res-cuers. Yet still he did all in his power to save her. He died, along with the others.

It was shocking to see the pictures of this tragedy, to hear the tales of how the emergency services tried for hours to resuscitate the victims. Reading the accounts conveys the sheer determination of the emergency services to defeat nature and bring the freezing bodies back to life. But even their will power was

not enough to revive the dead.

In the end we were left with a sense of great waste, of lives lost for no tangihle gain. Yet there was also a strong sense of nobility achieved even in defeat and death. The rescuers were not just hrave; mountain climbers are hrave. Michael Mee and Jack Crawshaw additionally barnessed their courageous natures to an altruistic end and demonstrated an extraordinary capacity for self-sacrifice.

Their heroism inevitably confronts each of us with a string of questions: "Would I have gone on 10 the ice? Whuld I have been one of those people who felt they must help because otherwise I would not he able to live with myself?" Many of us fear that we would have hesitated, stood at the side, retreated from the danger - paralysed by a combination of fear, cowardice and a sense of self-preser-vation. Indeed, the honest might admit to wondering whether, in retrospect, they really would have wanted the courage of Michael

Mee and Jack Crawshaw, given the outcome.

Photographs published this week of Paul
Brighton have graphically illustrated the
dilemma of baving our bravery tested. He was
the classic "have-a-go" bero, the type whose
death is so often the subject of huge headlines.

Mr Brighton was relatively lucky. When he tackled a gang that had just shattered his bathroom window, his skull was smashed by a bucket filled with concrete. He survived, but only just - his skull pieced together by

surgeons.

Most people can tell a story of their bravery being tested, of a moment when they have had to make a split-second decision that may then preoccupy them years later. It might involve choosing whether or not to intervene when a stranger was threatened by thugs. How many people have, for example, passed by a



couple, when the woman looked like she was about to be beaten up, and done nothing? The trial of the two boys convicted of mingrange Jamie Bulger bighlighted the number of people who failed to intervene as the young child was dragged crying through a busy shopping.

And then there is the question of which of us is actually prepared for dealing with an emergency. It is all very well having courage, but skill is also vital. A willingness to belp someone choking on a fish bone is not much use to someone untrained in first-aid techniques. How many people can confidently give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation or, if they can swim, know how to rescue someone who is drowning?

Courage and bravery are not always about reacting in an emergency. Gordon Wilson, who died earlier this year, proved that He showed his bravery, altruism and self-sacrifice by the way in which he overcame bis bitterness and spent years using the death of his daughter, Marie, in the 1987 Enniskillen Poppy Day massacre, to further the cause of peace in Northern Ireland. Could we bear to

be so forgiving?

Likewise, the defiant attitude of Jaymee
Bowen, initially known as Child B during the national row over wbether to fund her treatment for leukaemia, shows how courage is often needed for more than a moment. She is still fighting an illness that, more than likely, will claim her life. But ber manner bas given

fresb bope to children in a similar situation. Michael Mee and Jack Crawsbaw passed their test. In doing so they challenged a great many preconceptions about what has happened to British society. We are told that individualism is no longer fettered by a commit-ment to the common good. Families seem to be breaking down, society fragmenting, bonds are weakening between people. And the decline in religious belief – indicating a loss of faith in the existence of an after-life – seems to suggest that people would be less willing these days to put their lives on the line for others.

Yet, despite all this, these men felt compelled to do what they did. Courage and altru-ism - WB Yeats called it the "delirinm of the brave" seemed to eclipse other pressures to walk away. Sometimes, to run away from a moral imperative is to leave oneself tormented for years to come by a sense of inad-equacy and failure.

Philip Lawrence, the London headteacher, who this week was named Man of the Year in a Radio 4 listeners' pull, understood this. When he discovered that one of his pupils was being set upon by a gang, he did not hang back. His hravery led to his being stabled to

We stand in awe of such people, who seem perfectly normal, just like us, until they are called upon to do the extraordinary. Would we measure up to the task? Their example gives us the power to believe that we could.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

Lessons on prison policy

From Mrs Ruchel Palmer Sir: Professor Justin Brooks (letter, 29 December) must be right to warn of the dangers of following the US model of pris-ons and to call for clear, humane and pragmatic policies here in UK.

Twenty years ago, working for a time with the prison service in Hong Kong, I was amazed to find the inmates of prisons unlocked all day and engaged in full-lime work obtained by the service. This was in sharp contrast to the situation in prisons in the UK.

We, at Holloway, have had a pilot project for more than two years with Reed Employment that provides meaningful paid chance for them to learn and develop skills: yet for much of to compare with the natural this year facilities have lain idle | creation of land, sky and sea? available to run a regime.

Perhaps we have more to learn from the East? RACHEL PALMER London, W14 28 December The writer is chairman of the board of visitors at Holloway

wonten's prison.

From Mr.A. N. Johnston, J.P. Sir. When Lord Whitelaw was Home Secretary, he told the House of Commons that "conditions in many of Her Majesty's prisons are an affront to a civilised society and a continued threat to law and order".

In the light of your report (28 December 1 that the Prison Service is to jettison its policy on reducing cell overcrowding, and of the recent revelations of the conditions in Holloway, is there any hope that the present Home Secretary will learn from his predecessor before it is too

Yours faithfully. Sawsion, Cambridgeshire 28 December

Cheap US beef

From Mr P. A. Richards Sir: In reply to the Rev David Flavell's (letter, 20 December). I can provide at least two good reasons why American heef is chcaper than British.

In the first place, farmers in the US are allowed to use steroids and hormone growth promoters - an aid which was denied British farmers nearly 10 years ago due to pressure from consumer protection groups. Second. they feed their cattle in huge lots - thousands in the same compound - which would make our welfare bodies extremely excited if allowed in this country. Yours faithfully P. A. RICHARDS

Pencoed Farm Llangennech, Dyfed

Normal service

From Mr F. M. M. Steiner Sir: The public services receive so many hrickbats, that credit should be given where it is due. On this foggy freezing morning, the post, the newspaper and the milk had all been delivered by Sam, and my trains to London and back ran on time. Yours faithfully. F. M. M. STEINER Deddington, Oxfordshire 27 December

Seeds and cycleways: faith in the future

From Mr Christopher Padley Sir: Peter Popham unfavourably compares the sums allocaled by the Millennium Fund to the Llanelli coastal path, the Kew Gardens seed bank. and national cycleways, with the refusal to aid Cardiff opera house ("No daring, no imagi-nation, just cycle paths", 23 Occember). It is he who lacks imagination.

What better expresses a faith in the future than to secure for it the incalculable treasure of tens of millions of years of plant evolution? This is a store of natural wonders that makes a single building, no matter how grand, as nothing. What can better "witness ... our aesthetic discernment than that we cherish our landactivity for the women, and the | scapes? Can a building, the

> the arts, such as Mr Popham. would build temples to the muses while destroying the gardens of the gods. Yours sincerely, CHRISTOPHER PAOLEY

Market Rasen, Lincolnshire From Mr Michael Miller

Sir: Peter Popham is quite wrong to suggest that cycle paths and seed banks do not bear witness to our l'aith in the future, for both point to an

The attractions

Sir: Decca Aitkenhead's attack

on Mr Darcy ("Our knight in icy armour". 26 December) com-

pletely misses the point. It is not

so much Jane Austen's por-

traval that proved so attractive

Colin Firth, rather than Darcy,

simply because it is Colin Firth

himself who looked so gor-

geous. To then attack this col-

lective good taste as meaning

women must be "mad cows"

shows appalling ignorance and

Even if it were the character,

rather than the actor, that

appeals, what on earth is wrong

with liking someone who is as

honest, generous, courageous,

oval, trustworthy, well-bred,

loving and downright sexy as

Darcy? These characteristics

are generally sadly lacking in

loday's menfolk and should be

resuscitated rather than being

derided as "two centuries out of

date". Good breeding is never

Decca Aitkenhead is also

wrong to accuse Darcy of not

showing his emotion - the piv-

otal episode of the series was

based on Darcy's laying bare his

feelings to Elizabeth in highly-

charged terms, and if she had

watched the series properly

she would have understood

that Darcy's emotions, far from

being repressed, in fact under-

line the whole theme, right

from the first episode, when he

expresses his "very great plea-

sure" at her "fine eyes" and

aggression.

out of date.

'pretty face".

London, E8

Yours faithfully.

MARY MARTELLO

Women fell in love with

as the man playing the part.

of Mr Darcy

From Ms Mary Martello

acknowledgement of our past failures and some small attempt to rectify them. The former relates to our damaging, pol-luting and antisocial reliance on the motor car; and the latter to the devastating effect of uncontrolled destruction and abuse of the natural world for commercial gain. The best millennium "monuments" we can have are those that point to the errors of the past and offer solutions for

the future. I too disagree with the commission's decision regarding the Cardiff opera house: but for your beadline to declare "No daring, no imagination, just cycle paths" is to display a naivety and narrowness of vision equal to that shown by the commission with regard to the Cardiff project. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL MILLER Bridge of Don. Aberdeen

From Mr Lars Breimer Sir: The good burgers of Cardiff should take the time to visit Gotbenburg in Sweden. because that city has recently opened a stupendous musical theatre in the old port - and they brought the project in under hudget. lo boot!

Gothenhurg is usually asso-ciated with football, Volvo cars, SKF balibearings and Hassel-blad cameras, but it is also the musical centre of the Nordic

decade, its citizens have strug-gled on with a theatre huilt in the 1850s. Now they have what Cardiff wants - within budget and on the waterfront. Yours sincerely, LARS BREIMER

Richmond, Surrey From Mrs Kerstin Lindman-

Strafford Sir. Some 18 months ago, I visited Cardiff with a group of other foreign journalists from the Foreign Press Association. We were shown the Cardiff Bay development; needless to say, impressive in scope and size. But it occurred to some of us that the plans that bad been submitted for the opera bouse appeared to ignore surrounding huildings in an area where predominantly red brick is used. Any development should, presumably, consider the aesthetic

Of greater urgency now is the matter of an international airport for Cardiff. A number of us could be beard muttering: what use is a grand opera bouse if international singers and conductors cannot fly in directly from European countries and elsewhere, but have to rock on a so-called express train from London?

Yours faithfully, KERSTIN LINOMAN-STRAFFORD London, SW19

secure wooden hand grip. Pos-

session excited no comment.

So, when Trotsky was assas

sinated in sub-tropical Mexico

by stabbing with an ice-pick,

why must central European

artists always suppose that an

Alpine ice-axe was the chosen

weapon. John Keane's painting

"Art and Revolution" (Exhibi-

tions, 22 December1 even

shows the tropical vegetation

ice-are. Surely not?

Dangers in the mountains

From Mr Brian Henl Sir: Victoria Pybus ("The dif-ference between hill-walking and mountaineering: ice", Io December) extols the thrills and challenges of climbing the Scottish mountains in winter. There are dangers as well as delights in winter climbing. Conditions in the Scottisb mountains in winter tend to be Arctic rather than Alpine. Small avalanches are common

and can cause disastrous falls. Many popular climbing areas are not covered by avalanche warning systems. One-third of the deaths due to avalanches last winter occurred in areas not covered by avalanche warning

Two years ago, my daughter was on an introductory snow and ice course, under instruction by a qualified member of the British Association of Mountain Guides. The leader on Listach, Torridon. A small wind-slab avalanche dislodged the climbers near the top of the climb and they fell back down the gully. My daughter Kathy died from the bead injuries she received.

A fatal accident inquiry was held in Dingwall last March under Sheriff Principal Douglas

Risk. Many matters of public interest were raised: standards of safety for parties under-instruction, availability of avalanche warnings, co-ordination of mountain rescue efforts, etc. The Sheriff Principal's findings are awaited. It is not clear why the publication of his report has

been delayed. Meanwhile, others may be at greater risk than my daughter was, particularly in the current weather conditions. The inex-perienced need good instruction, but there is no check on the standards of mountaineering schools. There is nothing to slop anyone setting up a mountaineering school. No qualifications are required, there is no system of registration and there is no external assessment of standards of instruction and

safety.

1 have had too much pleasure from the mountains to much pain not lo dread this winter's inevitable fresh toll of tragedy. I hope lessons may be learnt from my daughter's accident to help reduce the risks for other climbers. Yours sincerely,

BRIAN HERD Lorton, Cumbria 27 December

Our first-class of 1921 treaty Royal Mail

From Mr Ken Wright

Sir: Your readers can be reassured that Royal Mail does not "deliberately delay" its first delivery ("Postal union sets a deadline". 26 December) "to accommodate post that should be sent out later". Quite the

opposite happens.
Royal Mail's investment in technology, combined with improvements in moving mail across the country, has resulted in a substantial increase in the volume of mail arriving in time for the first delivery.

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working day after posting. The overwhelming majority of Royal Mail customers want their mail as soon as it is available and our aim is to meet

their wishes.
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The improvements to service standards do bave resourcing implications. Rising mail volumes on first delivery have resulted in increased use of part-time staff. We are presently in discussions with he Communication Workers Union to seek new work around the second delivery which we believe will further enhance our service and maintain employment security for

our employees. Yours faithfully KEN WRIGHT Royal Mail

Assistant Managing Director

London, EC1 28 December

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Yours cie.

hlocks, every user needed an and a European mountaineer's

Art and Revolution (part 1) by John Keane

Take your pick

From Mr Michael Mordaunt

Sir: Before the war every house

in the Americas (and some in

Europe) owned an ice-box. Ice

was driven about towns and

cities in sacking-covered heaps

and homes, hotels, bospitals

and food shops handled quan-

tines of ice which came in large

blocks. To cut or break these

These ice-picks were very

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IRA fears repeat

From Ms Patricia Moynihan. Sir: After reading today's letters

about "arms decommissioning", I would like to point out that the nervousness of the IRA and Sinn Fein regarding the handing over of their weapons before peace talks can properly begin originates in a much earlier process involving Eamon De Valera, Micbael Collins, Lloyd George and Winston Churchill in the treaty negotiations of 1921. Before these talks could

begin, it was a precondition laid down by the British that the memhers of the IRA should come out of hiding and make themselves known. This they did in July of that year.

By this act, they lost any strength of successful resistance they might have made should the treaty negotiations fail to secure a united Ireland. This was, indeed, what happened.

Sinn Fein made it clear two years ago that present difficul-ties had arisen directly from the problems of the 1921 agreement, although the British Government consistently denies this. It might help towards a hetter understanding between the two parties if the problems of the 1921 peace talks process were honestly addressed within the framework of the proposed talks.

A degree of trust must be established and such an approach might ultimately Yours sincerely, PATRICIA MOYNIHAN. Twyford, Hampshire

29 December

Urban landings

From Mr Terence Davidson Sir. Hung Kong Kai Tak "the world's last remaining international airport slap bang in the middle of town" (29 December)? Ever beard of Heathrow? Yours faithfully, TERENCE DAVIDSON Twickenham, Middlesex

me mad

want for commonsensical

observations from friends and

acquaintances. After all, most

of us know all about ather peo-

ple's behaviour when it comes

to driving. Differences? Of

Consider first this month's

cases of the flashing golfer and

the nude Parisienne. Matey

thought it would be pleasant for

women if he drove alongside

them on the M27 at 80mpb and

indicated his willy. His victim

calmly took his number and

called the police. Madamoi-

selle, on the other hand, caused

a six-car pile-up simply by dri-ving her car while naked. Prov-

ing either that women are far

calmer and less excitable drivers

than men, or that men's reflexes

are much quicker - or (most

likely) that La Française's

breasts were a great deal more

It used to be much harder to

make such comparisons. The

only women who drove were

aviatrixes, or those trained on

ambulances during the war,

while all men - however feeble-

minded - were expected to get behind the wheel. But today

more women than men are on

the roads, and it is possible to

make useful generalisations. Here's the biggest. Men are

aggressive, dangerous and fast. Women are defensive, irritating

and slow. That car which roars

up behind you, sits six inches off your tail, flashes its lights and

the path of an oncoming jug-

attractive than his todger.

course there are differences.

For many years, the maverick US Senator William Prox-mire used to confer the "Golden man behind the wheel. But the other car, the one meandering at exactly the speed limit in the centre of the road, while its dri-Fleece" award on the most useless piece of research commisver sits hunched over the wheel sioned in the preceding 12 looking neither behind nor to months. Famous winners the side - that is a woman driincluded the project set up to answer the question: "Why do ver: Men cause accidents,

women cause delays. Take road rage. Several times people not like very long this summer I witnessed men queues?" and one looking into sex life of the Japanese qual. Some folk will believe the carrying on preposterous duels on busy roads and getting out AA is angling for this award with its £145,000 project. at lights to shout at each other. You're lucky you've got kids in announced this week, to uncover the behavioural difthe car." one teenager yelled at a middle aged rager, otherbetween men and women drivers. The psychologists at Reading University charged with this task will not

In the heat men turned nasty. But something happened to the women as well. Not rage so much as spite. Women suffering from Road Spite would, for instance, give the impression they were making way fur another motorist to pull out and ion a line of traffic - and then at the last moment, instead close the gap. Or they would approach green traffic lights very, very slowly - and accelerate away just as they changed. leaving everyone else stuck.

Now that vast numbers of women buy cars for themselves this difference is being increasingly manifested in the names that vehicles are marketed under. The Hugos and the Charmians of the ad industry know a thing or two when it comes to appealing to our gen-der specifics. So for men we have the Ford Probe; the Furio, Volcane, Scorpio and, best of all, the Ferrari Testarossa (which presumably means Red Hot Balls in Italian). I intend to go a step further and make a fortune by marketing a tur-bocharged Reliant, anned at the younger buyer, under the name of the Fukyu 2.

As for the ladies, they have the Prelude, the Synergie, the Fiesta, any make of Volvo and the delightfully suggestive Clio. Here my ploy will be to push sales of the Nissan Womb - a people carrier with the most advanced safety features. Once in, you'll never want to come out.

You see, it's all so obvious. And all I need for my new car then overtakes - straight into ideas is a bittle starting capital. Something like £145,000 would gernaut being driven by a just about cover it. But where drunken Pole - that car has a can you get that kind of money?

QUOTE UNQUOTE

Labour's tragedy is its long-term failure to construct a consistent and coherent theory of government which matches the new reality with the old ethic - Roy Hattersley, Labour's former deputy leader.

In my bones, I don't think the Government is going to get through the next year - Paddy Ashdown, Liberal Democrat leader. It is becoming daily more apparent that the British government has no intention whatsoever of advancing or, indeed, of maintaining the peace process in Ireland - Mitchel McLaughlin, chairman of Sinn Fein.

The law today, at least in criminal cases, uses all its enormous intellectual power to weigh down on those who get caught. But they are rarely the really important criminals metrically ingrained in the structure of society - Peter Ustinov

I used to think that maybe drink had destroyed my life, but that was dramatic nonsense and temporary gloom. Without alcohol I could have been a shop assistant, a business executive or a lone bachelor bank clerk - Jeffrey Bernard.

I don't believe you have to be religious or Christian to be good - the Archhishop of Canterbury.



ice-pick.







His course is set for a historic mission

This was the year when Labour's new leader needed to prove himself. In doing so, he

has earned his party the right to govern once more. By Donald Macintyre

There are no paintings in the Commons office of the leader of the Opposition. The single, rather bedraggled plant that used to stand in the corner has long gone. It is as if the leader has resolved never to make himself comfortable in a job whose sole purpose is to secure a completely different one.

When he moved in, in July 1994, Tony Blair chose the less prepossessing of the two offices available to the Opposition; the grander upstairs room previously occupied by John Smith is now John Prescolt's. As it happeos, this plainoess is deliberate; the room is a symbolic reminder to those around him that this isn't a joh to get used to.

And whatever the result of the electioo. Blair isn't going to be there for long. It is unfashionable but sobering, given the party's consistent 30-point lead in the opinion polls, to consider for just a momeot what hones and force will be entirely and hopes and fears will be extinguished if he fails, finally, to become Prime Minister. It would certainly be the end of his own political career. In the Kinnock era, moreover, there was a choice of leaders in waiting. A Blair defeat, by cootrast, could be the eod of the road. Having run out of ali-his. Labour might prove finally to have been uoable to outlive the century that gave birth to it.

It is a measure of Blair's achievement so far that no one in his own party now believes that this is going to happen. History will surely judge that while 1994 was the year Labour merely chose a new leader, 1995 was the year it visibly transformed itself - as anyone who experienced the electric atmosphere of those Clause hotel conference rooms up and down the country can testify. At St Helens back in March, for example, you could feel, amid the laughter, the ripple of slightly guilty self-recognition that went through the audience as Blair recalled how one party member had complained to

But there was an even more radioactive momeot when one party member in his sixties asked Blair bluntly if he was "just doing all this

him: "Even Tories are starting to

vote for us oow."

A Blair defeat could be the end of the road. Labour might prove finally to have been unable to outlive the century that gave birth to it

to win?" Well, he replied, that wasn't such a bad aspiration for a leader. But no, it wasn't the only reason - or even the "primary" reason. II was more that Labour would not win by saying things that it did not believe in.

This goes to the heart of why Blair has been so infuriated by what he perceives to be the conclusions of the compulsively watchable recent BBC IV meetings of party members in 2 series The Wilderness Years: that

idealistic socialism is what Tony Benn stood for: idealism that has had to be ditched to make the party electable again. It is true, of course, that since long before he became leader, Blair was more focused than any of his front-rank colleagues on the cold statistics of the electoral mountain Labour had to climh. Was it not Blair who, famously unimpressed by opinion polls, repeatedly pointed out in private that in the 1992 election the party had secured a lower share of the vote than when it was defeated in 1979? But at meeting after meeting in the spring, when Blair was suc-cessfully cajoling his party into replacing Clause IV, his message was that there was more to this than mere

winning; that it was time to end the historic conflict between what Labour had seen as its "principles" and what it had to do, or rather sell. in order to win power. What Blair set about this spring was to join, for the first time since the eod of the 1945 government, principles to practice, the party's activists to its supporters in the country, and himself to the party - or, as he would term it, the head to the body.

As he suggested in the most impor-tant article he wrote in 1995 - an Observer piece earlier this month this was more than a generation overdue. Some within the Party, he said, had vainly tried in the late Fifties to force Labour to adapt to the social and economic changes that had

already taken place. What actually happened after the 1959 election defeat was that the modernisers of their day, such as Douglas Jay and the then leader, Hugh Gaitskell, promo-ted a new Clause IV only to be beaten back by an alliance of the unreconstructed left and the right-wing tradeunion barons on whom they had been forced to rely to keep the left at bay.

There is an interesting point here. Much of the genesis of Blair's ideology belongs to the revisionist right of that period. But not all. Those in the Campaign Group who accuse him of being the most right-wing leader Labour ever had should recall that it was the centre left that were historically most distrustful of the power the union barons wielded in the party. As John Rentoul points out in his biography of Blair, Barbara Castle was in favour of one-member. courage to try to reform the unions. only to be shamefully deserted by Jim Callaghan and the Labour right.

What the Clause IV meetings showed, ironically, is the gift that Tony Benn, one of Blair's sternest critics, once generously ascribed to another great enemy, Margaret Thatcher - that of politician as "teacher". What Blair's triumphant change to the party constitution seemed to leave open, however, to speak at Rupert Murdoch's was how far the new ideology - nei-

ther "old left nor new right" as Blair continually describes it - translated itself into policy.

That doubt was most graphically expressed in a brilliant Steve Bell car-toon which showed Bambi on horseback trailing a banner with the slogan "Principle Liberated from Particular Policy Prescriptions", a phrase Blair had actually used shortly after becoming leader, it's true that Blair had always thought the prob-lem with Lahour was that it had too many policies - for everything from "stray cats to world disarmament" as he once put it - rather than too few. But there is a danger of exaggerat-ing the alleged absence of a pro-gramme; a Britain in which state schools are to set new standards of excellence, and where there is widespread constitutional reform, a minimum wage, a radically reformed one-vote democracy in the Forties. welfare state, a new regime for the And it was Castle who, more than a monopolies, a start for the young decade before Thatcher, had the unemployed and a reformed tax system, is a very different Britain.

But leadership involves strategy as well as ideas. Blair does not underrate John Major's ability to win elec-tions and advises his colleagues nor to do so either. The positive press he has had (think how the tabloids would have treated Neil Kinnock sunning himself in Australia while Britain froze) hasn'i been a mere accident. He risked internal criticism famous seminar in July, partly

because it was an unrivalled international platform; but partly because he knows the Sun is the paper that can do him most damage. He has played his own part in getting on warm terms with Lord Rothermere, proprietor of the Daily Mail. But he

did deals with neither man.

Part of his strength is that he remains solidly grounded in a life outside politics. He retains old friends, such as his university mentor Peter Thomson, with whom he is currently staying on holiday in

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Castle who had the courage to try to reform the unions, only to be deserted by Jim Callaghan and the Labour right

COLUMN TO THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY Australia. He goes home at night: frequently leaving at 7pm to see his family, and as a matter of routine getting back to Islington between

evening votes at the Commons; like

Thatcher, he is not in love with the

Palace of Westminster, Ferociously

in demand - not least in the world

of big business - he dines out per-

haps three times a week. He reads.

having recently finished Roy Jenk-

children swimming regularly. He retains an ability to laugh which Kinnock hegan to lose in the gruelling period of his own leadership. He is, for example, a cruelly accurate mimic, able in private to take off most of the shadow Cabinet to a tec.
And there is a pleasant informality about him. He hates wearing black ties, or indeed any kind of tie

ins' biography of Gladstone. He still tollows the rock scene. He plays tennis with his normal fierce com-

petitiveness and he still takes his

when he is off-duty. His emphasis in his speech to the Murdoch seminar in Australia, on breaking down the barriers that prevent Britain becom-ing a true meritoeracy, reflect his healthy and rather Thatcher-like mistrust of the crustier aspects of the British establishment.

This raises the big question still lingering in the minds of some in the party; how genuinely radical is Tony Blair.' By seizing the ground of "one-nation" politics he believes he has given the centre, as well as the left-of-centre, a new ideology. That centrism inevitably in ites comparison with the one-nation Tories whose politics in several respects overlap with his.

But Blair believes there is a fundamental difference; while they are paternalisis locked in a losing hatthe to retain and conserve institutions such as the welfare state, he is about change and transformation. His capacity to modernise Britain as he wants remains untested; all that can be said is that if he can do to the country half of what he did this year to his party, he will be well on the way to fulfilling what he sees as his historic mission.

A week of white-outs and black-outs

Rural Shetland has been reflecting on how people coped before electricity arrived, says Tom Angus



CUNNINGSBURGH - Friday 29 December. tr is a hrilliantly sunny day. Peat smoke drifts in a light northerly wind; voices of children sledging, and of crofters feeding sheep, carry a long way. "A day hetween weathers," the old folk would say, and a Met forecast of more snow to come would seem to

bear out the saying.

After a week of white-outs, power cuts and an invasion of media folk from the mainland, the thought of more snow appals most people up here in Shetland. After the great snowfall and gales on Christmas Eve. all roads were blocked. Some people were without electricity - and thus without heating - for five days. Various life-threatening situations

were avened by helicopter amhulance flights or hy less-publicised practical community efforts. Neighours' fires thawed the chilled, and small generators, carried through drifts, powered central heating pumps on a rota hasis. Rural water supplies, relying largely on diesel pumps, dried up when operatives were unable to refuel tanks. Lifeboats, fishing vessels, tractors and four-wheel drive vehicles fetched essential supplies.
With terrestrial television and

VHF radio out of action, our news has been beamed all week by saiellite or via medium-wave radio. Unable to get about, we had no idea how things were over the hill, hut thanks to satellite - once the power came on - we could watch, on our screens, a local crofter feeding sheep. It felt unreal. You sat and watched a neal young chap who'd travelled hun-dreds of miles from his TV hase interviewing a parka-clad snowbound couple and wondered which trouble spot he'd be covering the next day. But it has been, by and large, a miserable week, not improved by the fact that Christmas dinners had to be abandoned or postponed.

It could be argued that much of the week's hardship was caused by over-reliance on electricity. When the North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board inaugurated rural electrification schemes in the 1950s it was hailed as the bringer of a splendid amenity. In the euphoria of the time. the Shetland weather factor, featuring savage winds, was forgotten and so men laboured at digging holes for wooden poles to hold up the wires to carry this marvellous unseen power source from a diesel generating sta-

These overhead power lines are, however, subjected to terrific tempest. The sturdiest crossote-soaked pole can stand just so much. Many poles stand in soft peat, which makes ideal fuel but provides a poor hase for a power line. Poles are blown over, the ine falls down and what has become

tion in Lerwick all over the islands.

for many people a lifeline is broken. The coming of North Sea oil and a massive rise in Shetlands population - from 17,000 to 23,000 within a few years - led to a housing boom. Many houses, whole estates in some cases. including sheltered housing, rely on electric heating. For many people, hypothermia is kept at hay hy a thin wire stretching many miles over the type of wild, exposed terrain much admired by tourists. The Hydro repair linesmen we class along with lifeboat and rescue helicopter crews: but they can do only so much to combat the forces of nature. When you live in the country you must expect power cuts and do what you can to

ook after yourself. There would have been very little to report in the way of emergency sto-ries before rural Shelland got mains electricity. Country dwellers were largely self-sufficient. Every house-hold used peat as a heat source for cooking and heating. Winter saw food stores laid in for animals and humans: salted and dried fish and mutton. home-grown potatoes and vegetables The writer is a retired teacher.

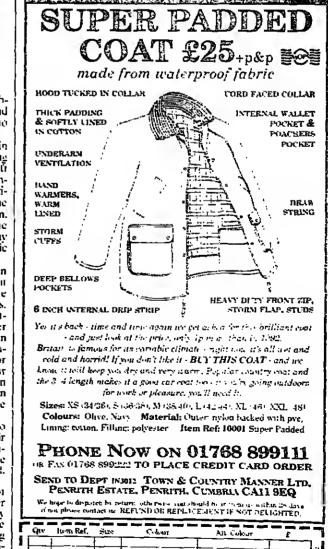
(including the hardy Shelland cab-hage), sacks of oatmeal and floor and so on, mean) that there was plenty to cat even after weeks of isolation.

For lighting, there were paratin lamps, with the Tilley variety lighting the house wonderfully and giving of a fair heat, too. Fastened to the chimnews of some houses were wind-driven dynamos, used for charging the batteries essential for radio reception. People listened to the news, the weather forecast and, on Saturday evenings, to the Scottish dance music programme.

Never mind the comparison between pre- and post-war days. What we're all pondering this week is the future. And the talk is of generators. A little one would be a most acceptable present. Even peal or other solid-finel central heating relies on electricity to work the water circulation pump; but a small generator could power this pump, light your house and keep freezer and fridge in action. At present, there is a big run on generators on the island, and the

word is that they are sold out. Whether those who are swearing to acquire this lifesaver will keep their yows is another matter. Some probably will, only to let their generator lie for months in a garage, unstarted, unserviced and out of fuel.

One thing is certain; we have not had our last power cut. The sooner folk accept that fact the sooner they can be persuaded to provide for the inevitable, and we could be thinking of others who cannot help themselves. Up here, we have a multimillion pound special fund built up from oil revenues, which has financed, among other things, a series of leisure centres complete with swimming pools. Splasning out on back-up echerators for our care centres and sheltered housing would be money well spent.



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Professor Sir William Trethowan

Bill Trethowan was a psychiatrist and a man of multitudinous talents, with a generosity of spirit and a personal style well fitted to deploy them. He could have become famous as a musician; alternatively he would have made an outstanding diplomat. If he had wished to recently out of Lamda. She amass a fortune he could have done so many times over in Harley Street. Fortunately for medicine he had other ideas.

His ancestors came from Cawsand in Cornwall. At his home in Hampstead his father, an orthopaedic surgeon at Guy's Hospital, had installed an organ and held regular concerts. He died when Bill was 16, whereupon his wife enrolled as a medical student. Bill Trethowan and his mother graduated in the same year.

Trethowan was educated at Oundle School and Clare College, Cambridge. On reaching Cambridge he made straight for Cambridge he made straight for the Footlights, and became the eccentric and scholarly Profesmusic director. People still re- sor E.W. Anderson. Five years

call the 1938 May Week revue Pure and Simple, directed by George (Dadie) Rylands and Robert Helpmann, for which Trethowan composed music and conducted the band. At about this time he met his fusang in cabarets accompanied by a band called the Arimatheans, in which Bill Trethowan was a regular accompanist and conductor. He became renowned as a keyboard player and jazz trumpeter. They married in London, and Trethowan graduated in medicine at Guy's

Hospital in 1943. After army service as a medical specialist he trained in psychiatry at the Maudsley and Massachusetts General Hospital, and spent a year as a leaching fellow at Harvard before joining the staff of the Department of Psychiatry at Man-

University of Sydney. There he made a considerable impact, but before long he was head-hunted by Birmingham University, where he was Professor of Psychiatry from 1962 until retirement in 1982.

In Manchester, Sydney and Birmingham Trethowan did much to advance the standards of psychiatry. He was a first-class clinician and teacher, and had the imagination to see what was required to break new ground, first by extending the teaching in psychiatry provided for med-ical students (and thus for fu-ture general practitioners and clinical specialists), and second by planning comprehensive postgraduate training of psychialrists. In Britain the Royal College of Psychiatrists acquired its Royal Charter in 1971. Trethowan was one of

later, in 1956, he was elected to reach the highest standards of the Chair of Psychiatry in the professional excellence. He was appointed its first Chief Examiner and worked almost single-handedly to set up the examination for membership, which proved entirely successful.

Meantime other develop

ments were afoot, and Trethowan was again among the leading agents of change. Psychiatry began to move closer to medicine and away from its sequestered location in huge mental hospitals. Psychiatric units in general hospitals were established and community services planned. People could be treated in general hospitals for their serious mental illnesses, and now also for the common neuroses and the emotional dimensions of psychiatrie illness. The 1974 reorganisation of the National Health Service brought far-reaching changes those who worked both in com-mittee and behind the scenes to in the balance between hospi-tal medicine and care and ensure the new college would treatment in the community.



Trethowan: Ike Fazaro

In these evolutionary processes Trethowan possessed a remarkable shility to analyse complex medical and administrative issues, listen closely to what was said, and reconcile conflicting viewpoints. He was both a strategic thinker and a tactician, very articulate, and a believer in plain words. It was hardly surprising that he was given ever wider responsibilities.

He was Dean of Medicine in Birmingham for six years, and became an adviser to central government through membership, and often chairmanship, of important committees in the DHSS. He had other national roles with the General Medical Council and the University Grants Committee. Again the days were hectic. For 10 years he chaired the advisory com-mittee appointed to establish a medical school in the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Like Figaro, he was here, there and everywhere. He relished his many missions, but unlike Figaro he was no factotum, and

elf-interest was not his motive. He had little time to become personally involved in research, but he wrote several papers on educational topics. He developed an interest in unusual psychiatric syndromes and social anthropological themes, producing the authoritative account of the Couvade Syndrome, in which husbands of

tic of approaching labour. He wrote on music and mental illness, including an authoritative review of the mental illness of Ivor Gurney, the poet and musician, who developed paranoid schizophrenia. Outside work his interests were not restricted to music - he had an informed interest in natural history (and a marvellous hutterfly collection) and for some years was a good gardener. His family life provided an extremely lively background, packed with challenge, debating and debunking, hectic, heart-warming, generous and

In 1985 his wife Pam died suddenly after several years of failing health. There followed a period of profound sadness. but in 1988 his marriage to Heather Dalton brought strength and, perhaps for the first time in his life, the hectic days were over. he was happy. December 1995.

pregnant women sometimes contented and at peace with himself.

Robert Cawley

William Henry Trethowan, psychiatrist: born London 3 June 1917; Psychiatric Registrar, Mandsley Hospital 1948-50; Psychiatric Resident, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard 1951; Lecturer and Senior Lecturer, Manchester University 1951-56; Professor of Psychiatry, Univer-sity of Sydney 1956-62; Professor of Psychiatry, Birmingham Uni-versity 1962-82 (Emerius); Consultant Adviser in Psychiatry.
DHSS 1964-78; Chairman,
Standing Mental Health Advisory
Committee 1968-74; Chief Examiner, Royal College of Psychiatry, Royal College of Psychiatry, Medical Advisory Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee, Chinese University of Hong Kong 1976-86; Kt 1980; married 1941 Pamela Waters (died 1985; one son, two daughters), 1988 Heather Dalton (nee Gardiner); died Birmingham 15



left, with Errol Flynn in The Charge of the Light Brigade, 1936

Photograph: Ronald Grant Archive

Patric Knowles

A moustache can make a difference. Without it, Patric Knowles was just another of Hollywood's handsome British types, but with his upper lip decorated he was dapper, distin-guished, roguish and dashing just like Errol Flynn. They were time, which was a hlessing for Warner's and Flynn, if not

After working for his father, a publisher, he made his stage dehut at the Oxford Playhouse and his first film, Irish Hearts, in 1934. In the half-dozen which followed he was usually cast as an army officer. Warner Bros noted the resemblance to Flynn and signed him up. After romancing Kay Francis in Give Me Your Heart (1936), he was Flynn's brother and fellowofficer in The Charge of the Light Brigade, both in love with Olivia de Havilland, who actually

preferred him to Flynn. That picture consolidated Flynn's stardom and he made four more in 1937, but Knowles stayed idle till playing de Hav-

illand's fiancé the same year in It's Love I'm After, taking a back seat to her and Leslic Howard, as the actor she idolises. When he played Will Scarlett to Flynn's Robin in The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938) it was clear that Warner's had him pegged as a second lead, but in Four's a Crowd (also 1938) he. prietor, landed de Havilland while Rosalind Russell got Flynn, Flynn and Bette Davis endured a stormy marriage in The Sisters (1938 again), but as Knowles was married to one of

the lesser siblings, Anita Louise, it was clearly time to move on. He went to RKO for a spell and then Universal, settling into roles as the other man or the hero's best friend, getting his best break with John Ford's How Green Was My Valley (1942), in which he and another English stalwart. John Loder. were two of the Welsh mining brothers (mother, Sarah Allonly one Welshman, Rhys Williams, in a small role).

Knowles moved on to Paramount, decorating two of Milchell Leisen's pictures, Masquerade in Mexico (1945) and Kitty (1946), as Ray Milland's hest friend and aristocratic ri-Goddard. The first of these was Leisen's remake of his own watered-down version of the Iohn Barrymore role. Leisen did it only to escape making a film with Betty Hulton, hut relented when Paramount pointed out the importance of maintaining her popularity. Thus he directed her in Dream Girl (1948), which gave Knowles another of his best roles, as her publisher and suitor.

Others were in Monsieur Beaucaire (1946), as the French milord whom barber Bob Hope impersonates, and Sam Wood's hy (1947), as the doctor arrested for the poisoning committed by Ioan Fontaine. But perhaps his finest showing was when cast against type in The Big Steal (1949), the cringing baddie hunted by Robert Mitchum because he has vamoused with \$20,000 of Jane Greer's dough.

With the advent of television the studios no longer kept players of the second rank under contract, but Knowles continued val for the guttersnipe Paulette to work, irregularly and some times in some not very notable films. To be recalled are Aun Midnight, with Knowles in a tie Mame (1958), in which he was again a publisher, an old flame of Rosalind Russell, and two westerns directed by Andrew V. McLaglen. The Way West (1967), as a Scottish-born general with white Dundrearies, and Chisum (1970), as an ally of John Wayne. His last film was Arnold (1973), a horror comedy which also featured the one-time child star of How Green Was My Valley, Roddy

McDowall. David Shipman Reginald Lawrence Knowles (Patric Knowles), actor. born Horsforth, Yorkshire 11 November 1911; died 23 December

Benny Lee

The BBC radio planners were sitting around the boardroom stable playing bridge, when one said, "Look, we simply have to find a title for this new programme." Someone said, "Flow about Breakfast with Braden?," and someone else said, "Great. hut who do we get to play the lead?" Bernard Braden, recall-ing the beginnings of Britain's first early morning comedy series, added, Would you believe, they spent three months looking for a guy called Breakfast?".

Breakfast with Braden starred the Canadian couple Bernard Braden and his wife, Barbara Kelly. A minor revolution in British broadcasting, it began in January 1950 and featured two both were superb radio actors, "Miss Carr", as she was always addressed, playing the dumh hubble-head and Lee, who always addressed the star as "Mr Braden", the ill-educated ignoramus. Their radio personas, created by the scriptwriters Frank Muir and Denis Norden. were totally removed from their musical vocalisations, which vere always excellent.

Benny Lee encompassed several careers in his long showhusiness life, ranging through acrobatics, fairground barker, dance-hand drummer, recording artiste, television comedian and character actor in films. And there were quite a few more jobs outside showbiz, such as door-to-door salesman and ed his singing career as tenor in the school choir. Leaving school at 14, he became a tailor's apprentice, but soon left to join an all-purpose act, which sang, danced and performed acrobatics all around one of the main variety circuits of Britain.

Lee's acrobatic days were somewhat longer-lasting than Braden recalled. "It lasted one evening, largely because of the shape of Benny's nose. In the finale the 12 acrohats grasped each other's ankles and somersaulted around the stage. As the act proceeded Benny noticed that he was following a cirele of blood. His blood!" Doubtless the accident did shorten young Lee's career same year that Lee played Mr

(and possibly lengthened his nose) for soon he was back in Glasgow, tailoring shirts and in his spare time playing drums for his own semi-professional dance-band. Wishing to return to the stage full time he joined the Glasgow Citizens Theatre, where he received a good grounding in straight acting. This led to his first BBC radio audition in 1938. In 1941 Lec was heard

singing by Johnnie Claes, a trumpeter who had recently formed a swinging dance-band called the Claepigeons. He liked the sound of Lee's voice and signed him on as a vocalist. Soon Lee was singing and recording with many bands of the day, including that of Sid Phillips. He was frequently striking supporting players, the dance-band singers Pearl Carr heard on the radio, and not only and Benny Lee. Unusually, as a band singer. He played the both were superb radio actors, part of Eddie Cantor in a radio version of the film Show Business (1944). His other radio series included Top Ten (1944) and Music from the Movies (1946).

Lee's voice became popular enough for him to be starred as a solo singer and not just a band singer. In 1948 he was supported by the close-harmony group the Keynoles on "Rambling Rose". Next year he duetted with Joy Nichols, the star of Take It From Here, singing "On the 5.45". The Decca company came in with a contract and

from 1950 he recorded such hits of the time as "Enjoy Yourself, It's Later Than You Think", and "Down at the Ferry Boat Inn" with the Stargazers. Every type of pop song seemed to suit Lee, gentleman's tailor. He was born and he covered Guy Mitchell's in Giasgow in 1916, and start- no 1, "Pretty Little Black-Eyed Susan", and the Hank Williams hill-billy hit, "Your Cheatin' Heart". He enjoyed comedy numbers and sang "Close the Door" with a chorus of young children on a special series made for Christmas 1955 entitled Benny Lee's Children's

> Television brought Lee a succession of successes beginning when he was cast as the host of the BBC's first ever series for teenagers. Cautiously subtitled "a fortnightly magazine for un-der 21s", Telectub on its first outing introduced the pop star Teddy Johnson and radio's famous "Man In Black", Valen-



Photograph: Hurton Deutsch

Pegg the myopic tailor to Terry-Thomas in the fifth series of How Do You View. His shortsighted measuring of the elegant "Master Terry" was a highspot. The following year Lee was cast as Arthur Honeybee in an

early situation comedy, Friends and Neighbours. Peter Butter-worth played George Bird, and with their small-screen wives, Avril Angers and Janet Brown, they recorded the programme's signature song. It became a hit, not for them oddly enough hut for Billy Cotton and his band. Lee was later one of the supporting comedy cast in the Michael Bentine's crazy series It's a Square World (1960) with Clive Dunn, oot yet Corporal Iones of Dad's Army, Dick Emery, oot yet a solo star, and Bruce Lacey, the madcap

Lee played character roles in a good many films, from Night

Spillane's Girl Hunters, while continuing on radio as host of It's Time For Old Time. He celebrated his 2,000th broadcast in 1953, and then stopped counting. His stage appearances included the musical Two Gentlemen from Verona (1973) and Windy City (1983).

Bernard Braden regarded Lee with great affection, mainly for the esteem in which he held elder showbiz personalities. When Braden pronounced a typical insult gag by announc-ing, "Music In Miniature will be introduced next week by Wee Georgie Wood", Lee tried to get him to cul the gag as he knew Wood was sensitive about his size. Braden refused, hut never forgot Lee's kindness. Denis Gifford

Benny Lee, actor and singer: born Glasgow II August 1916; married (two daughters); died 9 of the Prowler to Mickey December 1995.

Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

DEATHS

NEELN: Hugh, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather, peacefully at home on 26 December. Cremation in Bedford at 1.45pm on 12 January. Family flowers only, any charitable donations via funeral directors, 01525-406132.

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Changing of the Guard TODAY: The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Outen's Life Guard at Burse Guards, Ham; Ist Bat-talion Scots Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Backinghum Palace, H. Manh, hand provided by the Irish Guards, TOMORROW: The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the One-in's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Ham-jimegen Company Grenadier Guards mounts the One-in's Guard at Bucking-hum Palace, 11 June, band provided by the trish Guards.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr A. J. Padkin and Miss A. J. Wood

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mrs Joan Pad-kin and of the late Mr James Ferguson Padkin, of Sale, Cheshire, and Alison, youngest daughter of Drs John and Bridget Wood, of Durm-ington, Hereford.

Birthdays TODAY: Mr Arnold Allen, former

chairman, UK Atomic Energy Au-thority, 71; Mr Gordon Banks, foothaller, 58; Mr David Bedford, athlete, 46; Professor Sir Roy Calne, surgeon and immunologist, 65; Mr Anthony Cripps QC, 82; Mr Geraint Davies, Controller, BBC Wales, 52; Mr Bo Diddley, singer, composer and guitarist, 67; General Sir David Fras-er, former UK representative to Nato, 75; Sir Archibald Hamilton MP, Sty. Lord Harvington, former Deputy Speaker, House of Commons, 88: Sir John Houghton, former chief exec-utive, Meteorological Office, 64; Lord Howick of Glendale, a former managing director, Baring Bros, 58; Dame Rosalinde Hurley, microbiol-Dame Rosahnde Huricy, microbiologist, 66; Mr Mark Kaplan, violinist, 42; The Right Rev Peter Nott. Bishop of Norwich, 62; Mrs Gwendofen Randall, Head. Framlingham College, 45; Sir Albert Robusson, former High Commissioner in the UK mental and Managang Sh. M. Rhodesia and Nyasaland, 80; Mr Nick Skelton, show jumper, 38; Lord Terringion, former member of the Stock Exchange 80; Miss Tracey Ullman, actress and comedienne, 36; Mr David G. Wadsworth, Chief Education Officer for Bedfordshire, 51; Sir David Willcocks, former director, Royal College of Music, 70; Mr Clif-ford Williams, former associate director, Royal Shakespeare Company,

TOMORROW: Mr Douglas Anthony, former Deputy Prime Minister in Australia, no: Mr Edward Glanvill Benn, life president, Benn Bros, 90; Mr Phil Blakeway, rugby player, 45; Sir George Blunden, former Deputy Governor, Bank of England, 73: Mr Michael Bonallack, secretary, Roy-al and Ancient Gulf Club of St An-drews, 61: Sir George Christie, drew. 61: Sir George Christie, chairman, Glyndebourne Produc-tions Ltd. 61: Mr Stephen Cleobury, organist. Cambridge University. 47: Mr Juhn Derwer, folk singer, 52: Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn, 83: Sir An-thony Hopkins, actor, 58: Mr Ben Kingsley, actor, 52: Mr Brian Mo-Graften, rugby player, 36: Mr Eric Mackay, former Editor, the Scosman, 73; Miss Sarah Miles, actress, 52; Dr Valerie Pearl, former Presi-5.2 Dr Vaieric Pearl, former Frest-dent, New Hall, Cambridge, 69: M Jean-Pierre Rives, rugby player, 43; Sir Joshua Rowley Bt, former Lord-Lieutenam of Suffolk, 75; Mr Nigel Rudd, chairman, Williams Hold-ings, 49: Sir John Sainty, former Cerk of the Parliaments, bl: Mr Alexan-der Salmond MP, 41; The Right Rev Timuthy Stevens, Bishop of Dunwich, 49: Miss Donna Summer, singer, 47; Mr Hugh Tunnell, former ambassador to Bahrain, 60; Sir David Walker, deputy chairman, Lloyds

Anniversaries

TODAY: Births: Joseph Rudyard Kipling, author and poet, 1865: Si-mon Guggenheim, senator and philanthropist, 1867; Stephen Butler Leacock, humarous author and conomist, 1869; Leslie Poles Hartley. novelist, 1895; Sir Carol Reed, film director, 1906. Deaths: Robert Boyle, chemist. 1091; Alfred North Whitehead mathematician, 1947; Maurice Denion Welch, novelist and artist, 1948, On this day: Gilbert and Sullivan. The Pirotes of Penzance had its first performance. Paignton 1879: Michael of Romania abdicated. 1947; France transferred sover-eignty to Victoam, 1949; Karol Weityla become Archbishop of Krakow, Poland. 1963, Today is the Feast Day of St Anysia, St Anysius, St Egwin and St Sabinus of Spoleto. TOMORROW: Births: Charles Edward Stuart, the Young Pretender, 1720, Henri-Emile Benoit Matisse, 1730, Henri-Emik Behold Malises, painter, 1869; Jule Styne (Julius Kerwin Stein), songwriter and com-poser, 1905. Deaths: John Wycliffe, Protestant reformer, 1384; John Flamsteed, first Astronomer Royal, 1710. 1719; Gustave Courbet, painter, 1877; Sir Malcolm Campbell, speed-ster on land and water, 1948; Canon Lewis John Collins, peace cam-paigner, 1982; Rick Nelson, pop-singer, killed 1985; Sam Spiegel, film producer, 1985. On this day: a window tax was imposed in England, 1695: Thomas Alva Edison demon-strated his lamp, 1879: prohibition came into lorce in Canada, 1917; the chimes of Big Ben were first broad-cast, 1923; the first successful shortwave radio programme was received in Britain from KDKA Pintsburgh 1923; the British army abandoned the use of the lance, except for ceremo-nial use, 1927; fire-watching became compulsory in Britain, 1940; the Home Guard was dishanded, 1945; the farthing ceased to be legal cur-rency, 1960: the Central African Federation (Rhodesia and Nyasaland) was dissolved. 1963. Tomorrow is Hogmanay in Scotland and the Feast Day of St Columba of Sens, St John-Francis Regis, St Mclania the Younger and St Silvester I, pope.

Lectures

TODAY Tate Gailery: Laurence Bradbury, "Art as Nostalgia: assemblies of memories", tpm.

> TOMORROW Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury. "Top Ten Tate Favourites", 2.30mm

Oh heip! Bishop David Jenkins doesn't like

Nativity plays, and is afraid they make Christianity look like a fairy story, and a Vicar doesn't like Father Christmas. Actually, there aren't any fairies in Nativity plays, merely small children dressed as an-gels or shepherds or wise men and a room full of parents moved to tears. (Sometimes lears of laughter. I remember a Mary with a cold thoughtfully wiping her nose with her hand before drying her finger on her dress. It brought the house down.)

So is a Nativity play a travesty of Christianity? I can't see that, I suppose because I think what matters most about Christmas is the story, and any thoughtful and well-meaning re-enactment of it is good enough for me. Whether Jesus was born in December or June, in 0 AD or 4 AD: whether there were, historically, any wise men or shepherds or a horrific massacre of babies, whether there was, astronomically, an unusual star, I find less interesting than the quality of the story, and the extraordinary power it has had, over the centuries, to capture and influence the human imagination. Painters depicted the scene innumerable times, often setting the scene of the hirth in local places and in contemporary costume, as if they knew perfectly well that it was not history that was the point, but something nearer to home.

So what was the point? The point of all stories. I suppose, is to help us to understand pattern in our lives, the pattern that adds up to meaning. This is the reason that, m one form or another - fairy stories, novels, television serials, soap operas - we all lap these stories up so avidly.

so much because of the ingenuity of the there are any number of subplots, one of deal more interesting.

Meanings of Christmas

The story so much wiser than we are

Monica Furlong, closing our series of Christmas reflections, suggests that the point of all stories - including that of the Nativity - is to help us to

understand pattern in our lives.

plot, as because plot itself suggests an underlying purpose in the ebb and flow of events. There are small stories de-scribing, often very enjoyably, lesser hap-penings in the human drama - flirtation, say, or machinations over a will - and there are bigger stories which take us more deeply into life, which tackle love, or family conflict, or sacrifice, or war. But there are bigger ones still, which ask, and try to answer, the most profound questions of our existence; regardless of the characters involved - they don't have to be saints or

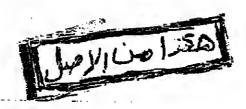
in the Bible – these are religious stories. The greatness of Christianity and its story lies in the profundity of the questions it wrestles with, questions of good and evil, of ultimate suffering, of death and life, and above all, of whether there is a God who knows or cares about any of it. It is illuminated by two great stories, both of them focused on the historical figure of Jesus,

the stories, that of Easter, explores hatred, cruelty, suffering of a very extreme kind, and the life that springs out of death. The story does not explain our termented condition, but it recognises it fully and finds purpose and dignity within it - the

dignity and purpose of God.
The other story, that of Christmas, is as fundamental as that of Easter, and in a sense precedes it in meaning. Before God can hang upon the same cross upon which humanity hangs, he (who is also she) must be found, born within the human condition, in the stable of our loss and confusion and failure.

lesus is born, as was each of us, in a woman's pain and distress. The story, so much wiser than we are, says that - even when we feel lost and abandoned - God is here, with us and within us. Medieval people without the kind of intellectual sophistication that finds a Nativity play silly, or that horrible kind of modern quibbling that thinks it matters whether Jesus was born four years later, knew in a direct way that this event was cause for tremendous rejoicing, was the sort of insight that changes lives.

We too are at liberty to use the Christmas slory by discovering that the meaning, the purpose, the love, the hope, the joy, is right here in the middle of our lives. here we are most happy, or most trouhled, most successful or most foolish, most proud of ourselves, or most ashamed, most secure or most anxious, most cheerful or most depressed, the divinity is already present. Like the shepherds or the wise men. we have simply to recognise that we are touched by the marvellous event. It is as The best stories hold us spellbound not and within these stories and around them unlikely as winning the lottery, but a great



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Advertising rivalry: Maurice is cleared to pitch head-to-head for his previous company's clients

Saatchi set for full-scale war

MATHEW HORSMAN

Maurice Saatehi, Britain's bestknown advertising man, will next week declare full-blown war on his old firm. Cordiant. faunching an aggressive cam-paign to lure away elients and

The move will follow the ex-piration on New Year's Eve of a legal agreement signed last June between M&C Saatchi and Cordiant, the new name of Spatchi & Saatchi, under which Maurice and Charles Saatchi agreed to avoid all contact with clients and staff nf their former

"It is pleasing to be able to start the new year with the ability to compete directly with all nur competitors," Mr Santchi said from his country home

Added a senior M&C Saatchi insider: "There are lots of old contacts that will now be revived. There is a long list of desirable clients we would like to



Dupont, General Mills, Hewlett-Packard and Toyota. Asked whether M&C Saatchi, the rival firm estab-lished by the Saatchi brothers one year ago, intended to move aggressively to poach new

clients, Mr Saatchi responded:

You can rely on that."

Cordiant, the holding company that operates Saatchi & Saatchi, the UK agency which is headed by Jennifer Laing, as well as other ad agencies world-wide, said: "We begin 1996 in the best position to gain newsbusiness than for many years.

Cordiant lost several highrrofile clients carlier this year, following the aerimonious departure of the Saatchi brothers founded. The brothers lured away Mirror Group, Silk Cut, Dixons and British Airways, among other clients, when they set up a rival firm on 11 Janu-The defections pushed

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Cordiant into near-crisis, Last summer, Cordiant and M&C Saatchi agreed to drop all

Šaatchi accused over missing files

> Maurice issues writ for breach of contract

legal actions and to maintain a ceasefire until the end of 1995. Since then, Cordiant has managed to win new business and to retain several high-pro-file clients, including bigh-spenders Proctor & Gamble and

In the Spring. Saatchi & Saatchi UK, the London-based

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Annual billings

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Saatchi & Saatchi

announced it would henceforth be "business as usual." In the autumn, the holding company announced the appointment of Bob Seelert, a US consumer products executive, to oversee the company's recovery.

The client losses have led to lower revenues and a restructuring programme aimed at agency, recruited a new chair-woman, Jennifer Laing, and Cordiant employs 10,500 peo-

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Source: Campaign

ple worldwide, of which 4,000 work for Saatchi & Saatchi Worldwide, the international network of which the London-

based agency is a part. Media analysts point out that the two adversaries remain mismatched. Since M&C Saatchi was set up, it has won business worth about £300m in hillings a year, of which about £120m is UK-based. The company does



not reveal revenues. Cordiant, for its part, had revenues of £775m last year, and billings of nearly £4bn. M&C Saatchi is beavily weighted toward the UK, with 140 staff in London,

Saatchi issuesi

writs against

Maurice and

other defectors

Tories may be poised

to ditch Saatchi

another 40 in New York, Hong Kong, Singapore and Sydney. But M&C Saatchi insiders said yesterday the company could handle global accounts with ease, relying in part on its link to Publicis, the international agency. "Publicis is like a dis-tribution system for us," said one senior executive. "We don't need to spend money on an expensive international network. We have shown we can handle BA's global account, for exam-

M&C Saatchi intends to push for more business from its ex-isting clients in 1996, having won international work for Quantas (worth about A\$40m a year). BA and Glaxo Wellcome,

ple, working on campaigns in 60

"We had a great 1995," Mr Saatchi said, "and I expect 1996

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Granada tipped to raise stakes in Forte battle

MATHEW HORSMAN

Granada is expected to raise its £3.2bn bid for Forte within the next 10 days, but only by a relatively modest amount of £200-£300m, sources close to the company said. The higher bid could come as early 8 January, six days after Forte's final defence document is published.

A final decision on the sweet-ener will be made next week, and will depend on how Granada's sbares perform in the in-terim. The initial offer is for four Granada shares plus £23.25 for every 15 Forte shares. Granada shares closed last night at

While lower than the £600m weetener called for by some City analysts, the increased bid will be seen as a sign that the television and leisure company is not yet prepared to abandon ts hostile takeover.

Granada declined to com-ment on its intentions. But an insider said: "Our resolve is castiron. Our intention is to buy the whole of Forte."

Indications of a higher bid came as the two companies traded criticisms over tactics and strategy in the increasingly bit-ter struggle. Force again lashed out at what it calls Granada's "stalling growth and conglom-erate-driven" strategy. It also unveiled higher profit forecasts for the year ending 31 January 1996, saying pre-tax profits would be not less than £190m. compared to forecasts of £185m published in the initial defence document on 4 December. The company said that high-

er occupancy rates in London, along with a stronger perfor-mance at its provincial hotels, were behind the better-than-expected profit.

Granada dismissed the new figures, saying that they re-mained 7 per cent lower than five years ago, and represented only a 7.4 per cent return on net

This only underlines what we've been saying all along." Gerry Rohinson, Granada's chief executive, said. "Forte is failing to achieve a decent re-turn on its assets and is not delivering real value for its shareholders."

Granada is expected to re-main on the sidelines until Forte unveils its final defence document on Tuesday. That document is expected to include a revaluation of Forte's hotels operations, as well as details on how the company intends to re-ward shareholders following the proposed £1bn sale of the restaurant business to Whit-

It is believed the document will also reveal plans to dis-tribute Forte's 68 per cent stake in the Savoy Group of hotels directly to Forte shareholders.

Following publication of the defence document, Granada is expected to step up efforts to convince shareholders to accept its bid, principally through meetings with institutional investors and analysts.

It promises to provide further details of how it can enhance Forte's profitability by £100m a year, following the ac-

Levene is front runner for Weinstock job

and JOHN WILCOCK

Sir Peter Levene, outgoing chief executive of the Canary Wharf development, has emerged as the front runner to succeed Lord Weinstock at GEC.

The defence electronics giant has said it expects to make a decision in the spring in readiness for Lord Weinstock to stand down as managing director in the summer.

Sir Peter, a former head of defence procurement, is one of several executives to have had talks with Lord Pryor, the GEC chairman who heads a subcommittee set up to choose a GEC shares rose this week on

speculation that a replacement had been found. Sir Peter's imminent departure from Canary Wharf was being seen as ideal timing for an announcement early in the New Year. He surprised the City this

week when he said that he is to leave Canary Wharf shortly. following its takeover by a syndicate of international investors. led by Paul Reichmann, Sir Peter said that he had been asked by Mr Reichmann to stay on but had decided that his job at Canary Wharf was done.

Sir Peter said on Thursday that he has yet to make up his mind about his future. He will definitely continue to act as an efficiency adviser to the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, As a Sherriff of the City of London he is also a possible candidate for Lord Mayor of London in several years" time. He refused to comment on any other possible job offers hemay have received. Sources who know Sir Peter are not surprised however at the speculation surrounding the GEC job.

utive of Lucas Industries, was last year tipped as Lord Weinstock's first choice. But Mr Simpson was seen to have ruled himself out when he told Lucas's unnual meeting in November that he intended to stay at least until his contract expired in March 1997.

Bob Quarta chief executive of BBA, and Sir David Lees. chairman of GKN, have also been linked with the job, though the latter executive is highly unlikely to join.

The only serious internal candidate is Peter Gershon the successful head of GEC-Marconi. However, the City wants GEC to bring in new blood from outside the group to replace Lord Weinstock, who has ruled GEC with a iron grip for 25 years.

GEC's carnings barely changed since 1990, and some key investors want an outside manager to unlock shareholder value through demergers or break-ups, and better use of the company's £2.5m eash pile.

However, Lord Weinstock who may stay on as non-executive chairman when Lord Pry or goes, is unlikely to appoint a radical who may undo the work he has achieved over the decades.

This is why one analyst said vesterday that Sir Peter would he a good choice."He has got the business background, and also experience in the corridors of power at the Ministry of Defence. But he is no radical."

Observers of Sir Peter's two year stint at Canary Wharf, during which the Docklands development has been turned from being a half empty white elephant to an 80 per cent-let success story, see his main strength as sales and marketing.

Court order against ex-Barings bosses

TERRY SLAVIN Singapore JOHN WILLCOCK

Six former Barings directors could face arrest if they fail to comply with a court order terhouse, the bank's liquidators. who want to interview the executives in a Singapore court.

The liquidators want to quiz Peter Norris, formerly chief executive of Barings Futures Singapore, as well as James Bax, Simon Jones, Michael Killian, Trevor Johnson and Fu Ya Yin.

The liquidators want to learn more about the circumstances surrounding the collapse of Barings in February following the discovery of over £800m in trading losses run up by rogure derivastives trder Nick Leeson. Barings was subsequently bought by Dutch bank ING, and

now trades as ING Barings. Deborah Ong, a Price Waterhouse partner, said: "We've received a court order to pursue this, and we're in the process of serving the order on

the directors." After interviewing the former directors Price Waterhouse will decide if there are any assets that have not been disclosed and whether to bring a legal action for breach of fiduciary duties.

fail to appear in court, but a le- added: "If the directors don't former finance director, have gal source in Singapore said yes-terday that the liquidators did not have the power to extradite Mr Norris. The latter is currently in the UK and has vehemently denied the conclusions

The authorities can issue an of the Singapore investigators. The Singapore-based source



Left to right: Nick Leeson, Peter Norris and James Bax



johnson, who is thought to be turn up, the rules provide that been unable to leave Singapore in the UK.

A court order was also issued as their passports were seized against Stephen Pollard, Nick by the authorities. Tow other Leeson's UK lawyer, when he former BFS directors named in the court orders are also over- was in Singapore for Mr Leeseas; An American, Laughlin son's trial earlier this year, and mg director of Barings Asia Pa-cific, and Mr Jones, BFS's Barings in the US, and Trevor Price Waterhouse took steps

earlier this month to restrain Mr Leeson and his wife Lisa from profiting from potential book and film earnings. Mr Pollard will face similar questioning in relation to the Leeson's conduct. It is not known whether Mr Pollard will return to Sin-

gapore for the court hearing. Singapore's Commercial Affairs Division, which deals with serious fraud and prosecuted Mr Lecson, is ready to receive evidence of criminal actions if any are uncovered by Price

Waterhouse.
Mr Leeson's Singapore lawyer, John Koh, visited him in the Tanah Meran prison yesterday to find out if he intends to appeal his six and a half year sentence. The deadline to file an appeal is 1pm local time in Singapore today.

Guinness tries a drop of real ale

CLIFFORD GERMAN

Guinness, one of the world's biggest brewers and best known for its stout, is launehing a new cask-conditioned ale, called Harwood's Porter the first such ale to be produced in the 60-year history of the Park Royal Brewery in

West London. According to What's Brewing, the newspaper for the Campaign for real ale pressure group. Harwood's Porter will be 5.2 per cent alcohol and will go on sale in March.

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The beer will be sold as a Tapster's Choice guest ale by Carlsberg-Tetley, the joint brewing group owned by Allied Domecy and Carlsberg of The new brew is named af-ter Ralph Harwood, a publican in the Shoreditch area of London, who invented it in 1722 and saw it catch on with porters in the local markets, hence the

Traditional Guinness still accounts for most of the output of Park Royal, but it also brews Harp lager. Enigma premium lager, alcohol-free Kaliher and Guinness bitter in a can. Roger Protz, the head of the

real ale campaigners, has endorsed the new product and predicts that unlike many test launches it will stay the course and Guinness will market it nationwide.

Guinness killed off its bottleconditioned Original Stout four years ago just as taste was

turning in favour of dark beers like Beamish. brewed in Cork, and Murphy's, which is pro-duced by Whitbread, and is unlikely to make the same mistake again, Mr Protz claims.

Whithread meanwhile is testmarketing Hurley's Irisb-style keg beer in 25 of its pubs. It will be brewed at the Castle Eden brewery in Durbarn, and is intended to compete with the highly successful Caffrey's ale launched this year by Bass, and with Kilkenny, which Guinness brews in Ireland. Greene King is testing Wexford Irish Ale which will be brewed at Bury St Edmunds.

The new ales will help affset a gradual decline in low-volume niche brands available to the from local brewers and exper-imental ales which fail to pass marketing tests. Bass for example is discontinuing a number of premium brands including Bass Distinction and the Black Dove bottled ale, which failed to find sufficient

acceptance. Whitbread is to discontinue seven beers aimed at the takehome trade including Newquay Steam Bitter, Whitbread Ligh Ale in cans, Whitbread Pale Ale in large cans and bottles, and Mackeson's Stout in returnable pint bottles.

On the plus side the latest Good Beer Guide lists 347 micro-breweries including 57 new ones in the previous 12 months alone.

Paribas chairman under investigation

NIGEL COPE

The chairman of Paribas, the French bank, was yesterday placed under formal judicial investigation following inquiries into allegedly false accounting at a Paribas subsidary.

André Levy-Lang has been told to appear in Judge Eva Joly's offices in the next few weeks. Paribas shares fell Fr5.5 to Pr268.5. on the news.

The inquiry relates to an investigation in 1991 into Ciments Français, the French cement company, which was then a Paribas subsidiary. Judicial sources claim Mr Levy-Lang was an accomplice to the presentation of inaccurate accounts at the company. The inquiry centres on certain off-balance sheet operations. Paribas denies that its chairman was aware of these operations which enabled Ciments Français to record a 1991 profit instead of a loss until October 1992.

Paribas sold the subisidiary to Italian group Italclementi for Fro.6bn in May 1992.

After a due diligence process the Italian group discovered some off-balance sheet items and claimed Fr500m back from

Paribas. Paribas took the loss in

suit in damages. The French group has always maintained it did not know about the off-balance sheet operations. Paribas said neither its chair-

its accounts and filed for a civil

man nor anybody else at the bank had any knowledge of the disputed financial transactions until the andit in October 1992, five months after it had sold the company. Under French law, being

placed under formal investigation does not mean that the person has been charged. However, Judge Eva Joly is reported to be keen to establish to what extent Mr Levy-Lang knew about the Mr Levy-Lang had a meeting with the Ciments Francais' fi-

nance director in February 1992 to discuss the subsidiary's high debts. He then asked for a break-down of the debts but said the reply did not include the off-balance sheet items. Paribes says it established the group's 1991 accounts "with sincerity".

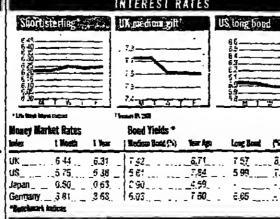
Ciments Francia chairman Pierre Conso was jailed in August on suspicions of insider trading. Paribas said it was unware of the operations as Mr Conso had hidden them for the company's auditors.

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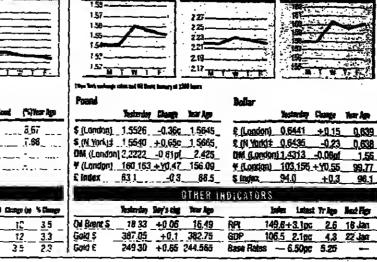
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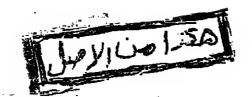


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'It is hard to disagree with the general opinion that after continuing to rise strongly up to mid-year, share prices will fall back to finish

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What the heck, let's try another market forecast

Yes, it has to be admitted. Since about the middle of the year, this column has been consistently wrong about the stock market. having adopted, until quite recently at least, a bearish stance on shares. As it is, the market has finished the year on a high note, with the FT-SE 100 closing at a record high of 3,689.3, a gain of more than a fifth since its

low pomt last January. What does the new year hold? Given our record, we should perhaps be leaving the prediction game well alone this time round, but what the heck, here goes anyway, It would be nice to take a contrary view on prospects for the London stock market. Unfortunately, it is hard to disagree with the general opinion that after continuing to rise strongly up to mid-year, share prices will fall back to finish the year roughly unchanged.

In itself, this seems an unremarkable prediction but there could be fireworks within it with the FT-SE 100 index perhaps breaking the 4,000 barrier at some stage in the first six months before falling back strongly, possibly in the form of a substantial single

Interest rate cuts, a continued high level of takeover activity, and further strength in overseas markets should all power the stock market to new heights as the new year gets under way, but then comes trouble. Growth begins to take off once more and an increasingly rocky Government, on the cusp of losing its majority and with the election looming, refuses all advice to choke off growing inflationary pressures by re-adjusting interest rates upwards. Kenneth Clarke has gnored the Bank of England's advice once before and got it right, but as Eddic George has remarked, be got lucky. Such luck is unlikely to be repeated. Bonds got the heeby-jeebies, dragging equities with them. But all this is some distance in the future. For the time being, the weather books set fair for shares. Equities continue to look the best

value around for institutions desperate for a place to stash burgeoning quantities of cash. Moreover, London looks cheap by international standards.

Where to spend the money, money, money

Money, money, everywhere, but where in the world to spend it? The world as a whole is unlikely to be short of cash for equity investment next year. According to Bar-ings. \$330bn flowed into international portfolio investment this year, of which \$145bn has probably been invested in emerging markets (four times as much as in 1989). Both sums are going to run yet further in 1996. In thenry, this favourable background ought to mean stronger stock markets worldwide. But investors have a more than usually difficult task in deciding where to put their money.

Off-setting a possible glut of capital and

carnings may weaken in many countries. Pri-varisations, including Deutsche Telekom, the biggest of all, will also mop up cash. Hoare Govett reckons that in large markets new issues and privatisations will rise by \$14bn to \$54bn next year.

Continental Europe provides both opportunities and dangers. Italy continues to suffer from the fragility of its politics. In France, all hangs on the durability of the Franc fort policy. A continuation of the poling Franc. For the cautious, Germany is a

better bet The US, where the market has risen by more than a third in 1995, looks set to rise further as interest rates are further eased. § Curiously, the approach of an election is often good for equities in the US. But the bond market cycle may be nearing the bottom and corporate camings growth is easing. Next year the Dow may end higher, but the chances are it will be with a whimper rather than the 1995 bang.

The Japanese equity market has risen by nearly 40 per cent from its low point, a recovery that surely cannot continue at anything like the same rate given the persistent

such as Poland, many of which have been suffering a long hangover after the cuphoria of 1993, will be the flavour of 1996.

Keeping the utilities in check

Ian Byatt's intriguing idea that merged water and electricity companies should maintain seperate listings for the core util icy could drive up interest rates yet further ity operations seems to have moved on a peg and accelerate a weakening of the French or two. In a letter to the Financial Times, he market. If it fails, the stock market will boom goes a stage further to argue that a seperafter the initial shock but the effect for for-are listing should perhaps be maintained in eign investors could be offset by a devalue- all water companies. This, he suggests, would be the most effective way of ring-fencing the regulated business in the interests of customers from other diversified activities

On the face of it, the proposal has much to commend it. As Mr Byait points out, an independent listing would force the utility to keep its activities totally separate from those of the parent, most obviously by requiring that a majority of the directors are independent of the parent and ensuring that decision-making is in the subsidiary's interests, not those of the wider group.

There are fundamental problems with this approach, however. When they were privatised, water companies were encouraged to fragility of the economy. It may be that a diversify and behave like other commercial emerging markets in Asia. Latin America. | companies. That was part of the deal.

Furthermore, the maintainance of a separate listing would deprive the parent of many of the tax, cost and other benefits of group-wide management as well as in itself being a costly affair. Far from being a had thing, to have larger, more professionally managed organisations run the utilities might be beneficial. There is no reason the utilities should be kept independent provided adequate regulatory safeguards exist.

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Alternative gongs for unsung heroes

Many deserving cases within the business and City community have failed yet again to get the expected gong. The following alternative New Year's Honours List is offered up by way of consolution. Step for-ward Sir Cedric Brown, for services to cus-tomer relations; Sir Ed Wallace, for providing the Labour Party with hours of fat-cat jibes. Sir Rupert Murdoch for the amazing double of long service to the Tory Party and ground-breaking research in tax-avoidance. Sir Peter Baring (an OBE goes to Nick Leeson), for an outstanding contribution to the campaign for reform of banking supervision. Sir Rupert Pennant-Rea for services to the carpet industry, and finally a life peerage for Sir Gordon Jones, chairman of Yorkshire Water, for services to the transport industry in Yorkshire, His chief executive, Trevor Newtun, is awarded the Order of the Bath.

Stock Exchange trading records are smashed

JOHN WILLCOCK Financial Correspondent

Records were smashed on the London Stock Exchange's markets in 1995, with record trading, record market value for UK companies and a trebling of foreign listings over 1994.

The Exchange's annual round-up of the year published vesterday also highlighted the successful launch of AIM - the alternative investment market - which attracted 121 companies in its first six months.

In the domestic equity mar-

record £646.3hm of UK and Irish shares changed hands in 1995 - up 6.6 per cent on the previous year. Strong trading in the latter part of the year helped 1995 become the seventh consecutive year of increased turnover in domestic equities. At the beginning of December

the Irish exchange split off to form its own, separate market. The FT-SE 100 soared 20.3 per cent over the year to end 1995 at an all-time high of 3,689.3, up 623.8 points. The London Stock Exchange

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Highlights of the Stock Exchange year

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has registered a fall of 15 per cent in 1995, according to Warrants Alert, a Bristol-

based group that specialises in warrants.

many who see warrants as being almost

synonymous with options - a highly-

geared play on the underlying equities to which they are attached. Although there

is a connection, the price of warrants is

equally likely to be driven by supply and demand. In theory, the price of a warrant,

essentially a tradeable option to buy a

share at a specified price at some future

date, should be easily determinable. As-

suming the exercise price is below the

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flect the difference plus an amount to represent the so-called "time value". This

equates to the reduction in the carrying

cost as a result of having control over the

underlying share without having to put up

when the shares are £20 should trade at

over £15. But this year's performance, when shares soared in value and warrants

sank, vividly illustrates that the reality can

be very different from the theory when

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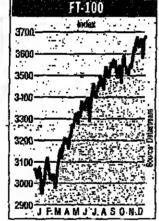
the full share price.

The news may come as a surprise to

Irish companies joining the Of-ficial List after 1994's record 256 newcomers, New issues in 1995 included 75 companies moving up from the unlisted securities market which AIM replaced.

A further 22 companies were relistings, National Grid Group, capitalised at £3.5hn, was the largest UK company to join the Official List by value in 1995. Albright & Wilson was the year's biggest money raiser, coming to the market to raise £470.3m. The value of the 2.084 UK

companies on the Official List rose 17.5 per cent to an all-time high of £895.1bn.



panies seeking a listing. Over the year 38 new foreign com-panies, more than treble 1994's figure, got a listing. Together they raised a total of £3,6bn. In August, the Exchange changed its rules to allow global depository receipts to be traded for the first time. These

are certificates which represent shares in overseas companies. They allow market professionals to invest in shares which are traded on exchanges not easily accessible to foreign investors. This may be because of exchange controls or settlement and ownership restric-

The Exchange said that London did particularly well in

attracting international com-

Of the 38 new foreign listings 23 were GDRs, raising £2.8hn. The continuing growth in GDR activity reflected the demand for capital from emerging markets, the Exchange said, and this should prove a big growth area for London.

South Korea was most active with eight new issues, followed by India with four and Taiwan and South Africa with three. Indonesia listed two and Poland, the Czech Republic and the Cayman Islands one each.

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Favoured candidate: Rodney Dennis: takes over temporarily

Pru starts search for £75bn fund manager

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The hunt began yesterday for a new chief executive to head Prudential Portfolio Managers, one of Britain's largest fund managers booking after more than £75hn of assets, equal to £1,250 for every man, woman and child in the country.

Prudential said it was actively searching for a replacement for Hugh Jenkins, who is formally retiring from the company on New Year's eve.

Until a new chief executive at PPM is found, Mr Jenkins place at the helm will be taken by Rodney Dennis, currently managing director of the fund management company's UK and European arm.

Mr Dennis, who joined the company in 1987 to head its international equities team, is believed to be one of the favourite internal candidates for the top job although outside applicants will also be inter-

However, a Prudential spokeswoman said no timetable was being set for an appointment: "We will take whatever time is needed to ensure that the right candidate is selected for what is a vitally important job within the group.

Whoever succeeds Mr Jenkins will have one of the most powerful jobs in the country, so important that in a poll 12 months ago of the most important 100 people in the UK, he came in 22nd, several places shove Mick Newmarch, then the Pru's own chief executive.

The job's importance lies in the fact that it determines the overall investment strategy of the Pru's £75bn under management, including more than £30bn in the UR life fund.

Every day a further £11tm is paid into the fund from investors, including millions of endowment and pension plan holders. Mr Jenkins joined Prudential

in 1989 after three years as

group investment director at Allied Dunhar, another big insurer. Before briefly working in the United States, he spent 23 years at the National Coal Board's pension fund, where he rose to become director general. In the past year at the Pru, Mr.

Jenkins has helped steer its fund management arm into backing the changes proposed by the Cadbury Committee on orporate governance.

However, he has argued that

the newly-formed Cadbury Two" committee should mit go further than monitoring the implementation of changes put forward in the first report.

He has also spoken in favour of "realistic market salaries" for directors, albeit linked with company performance.

Despite his retirement, compulsory for all senior Prudential executives at age 62. Mr Jenkins is expected to remain a non-executive director of Thom EMI, the electronics group. and Rank, the leisure giant.

His temporary successor. Rodney Dennis, is chairman of PPM's asset allocation committee, playing a key role in the overall investment strategy for the funds managed by PPM. Mr Dennis, who is in his 40s.

also chairs PPM's UK equity policy committee, which is responsible for UK investment strategy.

IN BRIEF

Power licence modification plan

Plans to modify the licences of South Western Electricity and Eastern Group were published vesterday by Professor Stephen Lit-(lechild, the electricity regulator. The changes, which ring fence the finances of the electricity businesses and provide for extrainformation to be given to the regulator, have been agreed by Southern Electric International, which has taken over Sweb, and Hanson, which has taken over Eastern.

The takeovers were allowed to proceed without a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on condition that new licence terms were agreed with the regulator.

Consumers rush for cash

Retailers had a good week judging by cash machine usage. Link, the UK's largest cash machine network, was 40 per cent busier on the first day of the January sales - Thursday - than on the comparable day last year. Jim Nix, general manager of Link, said £23.8m was withdrawn compared with £16.6m a year earlier. He added: "The marked leap is due to greater consumer confidence or a reluctance to use credit cards when shopping - with cash the purchase is instant with no unpleasant bills to follow."

MAM raises £28m for African fund

Mercury Asset Management has raised £27.9m for a new fund investing in Southern Africa, by placings with institutions. The fund will be 8tt per cent invested immediately through an asset swap with co-managers South African National Life Assurance. Mercury said the fund would focus on companies which will benefit from growth in the domestic economy and will not reflect the composition of the Johannesburg stock exchange.

Shipping line pulls out

State-owned Australian National Line said it is withdrawing from joint management with P&O of a shipping route between Australia. New Zealand and Europe. A spokesman said the European route was a big loss-maker. In November, the government cancelled plans to sell ANL to P&O.

Capital Citybus sold

Capital Citybus, a London bus operator based in Dagenham and Tonenham, has been sold to its management in a buyout backed by Lloyds Development Capital. The company operates 24 routes with 201 buses under contract from London Transport, Lloyds has taken a minority stake and the management holds the balance. The deal includes £2m of term debt from NatWest Markets Acquisition Finance and £5m from Lombard Corporate

Oil futures firmer

US spot crudes gained a few cents a barrel, partly due to views that plans to keep British Petroleum's Marcus Hook. Pennsylvania, refinery open through January should firm crude demand but hurt product prices. February West Texas Intermediate was at \$19.39-42 a barrel.

Boardroom changes

Sir Patrick Sheehy yesterday retired as a director and non-executive chairman of BAT. He is succeeded by Lord Cairns, former head of Warburg. Hugh Feeley and Sir Peter Frogatt retire this weekend from the board of Allied Irish Banks.

\$52m Willis Corroon sale

Willis Corroon, the insurance brokers, have sold a US property, Willis Corroon Plaza, for \$52m (£35m). The company, which aims to use the cash from the sale to reduce borrowings and for other corporate purposes said the financial effect of the transaction on the group in 1996 would be broadly neutral.

United Utilities debut

The UK's first combined water, electricity and telecommunications utility. United Utilities, will come into being on 1 January. created by North West Water's inkeover of regional electricity company Norweb. With sales of over £2.5bn and market capitalsation of over £3bn, it will be one of the 50 biggest UK firms.

Tessa table

In the table on the top Tessa accounts in Wednesday's edition the figure for TSB, the best performing bank, was inadvertently transposed. The correct figure should have read £11,904.

demand is lacking. Part of the problem stems from the preponderance of investment trust issues. Another is the importance of the private investor, many of whom are still licking their wounds after having been drawn to warrants by the boom in 1993, when the average price rose 220 per cent. The driver then was the upsurge in interest in emerging market investment trusts. This was fuelled by rises belled as the new Wild West for investors in shares and the attached warrants, as companies compete to take advantage

Talk of booming equity markets this year boosted by hopes of new stock market mirhas left warrant watchers cold. This neales in Third World economies to rival the Tiger economies of the Pacific Rim. That dream turned sour after the Mexican deht crisis. However, Andrew McHattie, of War-

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Warrants poised for a revival

rants Alert, believes 1996 will see a reversal in the fortunes of the market, which he forecasts will rise 30 per cent next year. He argues that ratings are low in emerging markets like those of the Philippines and Taiwan, while general conditions look similar to those just before the boom in 1993 and 1994. Warrants in Schroder

Asia Pacific Fund and in the previously underperforming Morgan Grenfell vehicle, the Overseas Investment Trust, are tipped as ripe to cash in on any rise in 1996. Meanwhile, after a recent fall, he also likes the look of the BTR 1997 series warrants. While warrants are less volatile than traded options, there are still plenty of

risks. Investors are not necessarily protected by buying warrants in safe, solid income stocks, as the Hanson chart illustrates. By contrast, the most money is often to be made in speculative plays like British Biotech, which now has the largest capitalisation warrants in the UK ahead of their expiry in January. The principle of caveat emptor - buyer beware -

Dana rolls out the barrel

The former Soviet Union has been la-

of the region's vast oil, gas and mineral reserves. Dana Petroleum, which yesterday announced plans to seek a full stock market listing, is one that might attract the bolder investor.

Formerly known as Dana Expioration. the company now concentrates on the development and production of oil from fields in western Siberia. Currently listed on the Exploration Se-

curities Market in Ireland, the move to the main market will raise up to £16m through a placing and open offer.

The shares are being priced at 7p which would value the company at around

£24m. The last date for applications is 22 January with dealings expected to start a few days later. The net proceeds of the offer are expected to be almost £10m which the com-

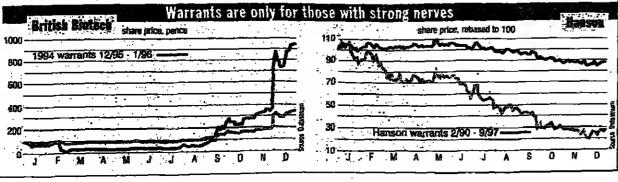
pany will use to accelerate its two main projects in Siberia and build relations with its two main Russian partners, Lukoil and

Having moved into the Russian market early the company is keen to consolidate its position.

It has a 50 per cent stake in the South Yoganskoye field which has proven and probable reserves of 34 million barrels. It also has a 30 per cent share in another field with reserves of 57 million barrels. Oil sales started in August but shareholders will have to be patient for their returns.

No profits or dividends are expected until 1997 but cash flow should be positive two years later.

Dana has come along way since last year when it was taken over by Tom Cross of TM Oil and the shares stood 1p. Even so, the sbares are not for the faint-hearted.



STROUD SWINDON BUILDINGSOCIETY MORTGAGE COMPANY LIMITED NOTICE OF MORTGAGE INTEREST RATE CHANGE The variable rate of mortgage interest will decrease by 0.25% from 31st December 1995. This notice is applicable to borrowers whose mortgage payments are updated annually.

The effect of this change will be included in the Annual Update of payments in January 1996.

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market report/shares

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SHARE SPOTLIGHT

record breaking year at a new It was all a question of will or, to be more precise, old fashioned manipulation -11,494 bargains which allowed the stock mar-

ket to celebrate what has been a remarkable 12 months in Trading, in the half-day session, was pleasantly gentle with a steady trickle of buying

orders helping to create a mood of jollity. Book squaring by market makers and year-end portfolio window dressing by some institutions was again evident. Anticipated New Year share tips were often given a bupe-ful whirl; so were the perceived takeover and recovery

The most widely held view

After much huffing and puffing shares produced a action is expected to continue at a heady pace although it is

unlikely to reach the record £70bn level achieved this year. But the looming general election is expected to steadily erode sentiment as the second half of the year unfolds.

One of the influences the market hates is uncertainty. And an approaching election will provide plenty of such a commodity. Labour has, of course, spent

much time and energy in an endeavour to calm traditional City fears about its policy. The signs are that it has failed and a pending change of govern-ment will produce the familiar unfavourable market reaction. The FT-SE 100 index closed 12.6 points higher at 3,689.3,

topping the previous record, hit at the start of the month, by 8.9. It also managed a new trading



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at ways to demonstrate its

support is behind the strength

Last-minute leap brings the year to a record end

The supporting index, cov-ering the 250 stocks immediately outside Footsie, finished at 4,021.3, a year's high but below the peak achieved to Feb-

ruary last year. Vodafone, partly on US bid hopes, was the hest performing Footsie constituent, gaining 9p to 230.5p. Royal Bank of Scotland, which is attracting an obligation to mount a much of the hot takeover money, rose 6p to 586p, a two day 14p gain, It is, however, below

But the market has heard it all before. And the gams were muted and selective. Abbey National and Berisford, the Magnet kitchens group, led the

> Whithread was encouraged 11.5p higher at 680.5p on fur-ther consideration of the likely benefits from its proposed budget hotel and restaurant deal with Forte, firm at 330.5p following an upward revision of its profit forecast to £190m.

It is rumoured to have in-British Gas, little changed structed its stockbrokers to at 154p, was comfortably the the maximum before triggering an obligation to mount a bid fur full control. Some, however, think HKL will not bother with such a scaling and Prudential Corrections. tracted a 40.2 million turnover and Prudential Corporation nearly 26 million. The late bother with such a preliminary the 608p high reached a month ago when takeover talk attained frenzied levels.

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The heavy trading, which also featured Redland, BTR. Great Universal Stores and Unilever, represented half the turnover figure to an unrepresentative 418.8 million.

British Aerospace rose 7p to 797p on a Philippines Airbus cootract and in a firm drugs sector Glano Wellcome gained 10p to 915p on hopes for its influenza treatment and Zeneca 11p to 1,246p as attention was directed at some of the drugs in its research pipeline.

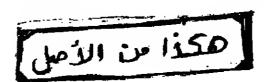
Amstrad managed to recover a little of Thursday's loss. rising 4.5p to 196p. Lloyds TSB gave way to profit taking, nff 12p at 331.5p as some snatched their merger rewards. Stordata Solutions, a com-

TAKING STOCK

Alliance Resources, in hitter dispute with its ousted chief executive John O'Brien, seems to be on the recovery day's volume, ballooning the road. A cash call is planned and the company has its sights on the former Soviet

There is also talk it is near to clinching a deal, possibly a reverse takeover, that could substantially improve its prospects. The shares edged ahead 0.5p to 3.75p. They hit 12p before sinking to a low of 1p on the O'Brien debacle.

☐ London & Associated Properties, at 28.5p, is bumping along near its year's low and well adrift of its estimated 52p asset value. It has lifted its shops portfolio to more than 600 by buying the Kings Square, West Bromwich, shopping centre. This year's profits are expected to be little changed at





Frank Bruno receives the Robert the Bruce's spider award for admirable persistence in the face of all available evidence

Yesterday, the Queen was inking in the last few names on her New Year's Honours list, wondering, perhaps, about a special mention for Lord Mackay after his work in speeding up the process of divorce. No doubt sporting figures were dutted among the sycophants and time-servers as the gongs were con-sidered, but not in sufficient numbers to reflect the enormous huld sport has over the nation. After all, who is more likely to have lifted our collective heart this year - Jonathan Edwards or some pen-pusher at the Ministry of Agriculture who is guaranteed a knighthood in the small print of his contract of employment?
To redress the imbalance, this

column is instituting its own New Year's Honours list for sporting achievement in 1995. But, rather than handing out meaningless strings of initials, the list follows the format of Oscars: awards for specific achieve-

ment in a variety of categories. And, in keeping with the unstoppable tide of commercialisation presently overwhelming our sport, many of the titles have been sponsored.

First off, then, the Kenneth Moore Memorial award for a performance full of the understated virtues of Englishness, yet capable of putting a spring into the most sluggish of steps goes in Michael Ather-ton for his astonishing innings in Johannesburg, Unfortunately, since he is otherwise engaged in Port Eliz-abeth once more holding together the England team, he cannot be with us today

But then, nor can any of the other award winners, such as Frank Bruco, who can console himself in just missing out on Atherton's prize as he picks up the Robert the Bruce's spider award for admirable persistence in the face of all avail-

Another boxer, Naseem Hamed. also honoured. He receives the Ray Illingworth award for continu-ous display of an ego the size of a diseased bladder. Also, thanks to bis leopard-skin fringed thong, Hamed picks up the Manchester United merchandise department award for silliest new item of sporting kit.

The Teflon title for being unable to keep a grip on anything worth-while is sbared in a three-way split between David Seaman, for his performance against Real Zaragoza in the European Cup-Winners' Cup final, and two football club chairmen Martin George of Leicester and Robert Chase of Norwich - so careless of managers you suspect they would be unable to hold on to a life jacket in a shipwreck.

Despite the excellent claims of Juninho and Ruud Gullit in this category, the Christopher Columbus award for not researching your Bird's Eye new-uses-for-a-pack-of- ny Dalglish, self-promoted director

Jim White

ON SATURDAY

destination thoroughly enough before setting out on an adventure is won by Ivano Bonetti, the Italian footballer recently signed by Grims-

Linford Christie, after his dramatic tumble in the World Championships in Gothenburg, wins the

frozen-peas award. Also easily outstripping the opposition. Tony Un-derwood takes the John Redwood it-seemed-like-a-good-idea-at-thetime award for winking at Jonah Lomu during the haka before the Rugby World Cup semi-final in an injudicious attempt to put him off his stride. And winning this year's Torvill and Dean golden blade for being world champion in a sport which receives no media attention until a Briton wins is Colin McRae.

who is a rally driver.

Meanwhile, the Sid the Sexist award for inability to keep hold of talent is won by Bolton Wanderers, who have lost Bruce Rioch, Jason McAteer and, in all likelihood, their Premiership place in quick succession, Still in Lancashire, the Michael Heseltine award for inventing a grandiose title to describe your meaningless new job goes to Ken-

The Mary Whitehouse award for keeping a television station's complaints duty officer occupied for an entire formight is landed by John Sit-ton, the former co-manager of Levton Orient, who narrowly beat off the attendant claims of Jeff Tarango. The expletive-fuelled tirades which passed for Sitton's team-talks recorded by the documentary Orient - Club For A Fiver would have been rejected as unnecessarily over the top by a Roy Chubby Brown

scriptwriters convention. Although he didn't win anything at Brisbane Road. Sitton is, in fact. this column's most decorated sporting achiever for 1995. Beating off stiff competition from Will Carling (apropos his 57-farts television programme) and Stan Collymore (for the I'm-unhappy-at-Liverpool interview with Four Four Two magazine) he also lands the Norman to Eric Cantona.

of football at Blackburn Rovers. Tebbit always blame-the-journalist award for claiming afterwards that the programme misrepresented him. Plus he shares with Graham Taylor the Walter Mitty imagination shield for believing, after all that, he still has a future in the game.

Finally, everything werms to be go-ing right for Andy Cole. In the week he ended his goal farmine, he also scrops the hig one: the Bob Monkhouse tired old gag award. The United striker receives it for inspiring the exhumation of the one about them naming one of Manchester's universities in his honour: UMIST. Previously appended to Ted MacDougall, Garry Birtles, Terry Gibson and Alan Brazil, this gag is ritually wheeled out for any Manchester United striker who has difficulty striking his intended target. And thus, as Matthew Simmons will attest, it has never been applied

Edwards glories in the leap of the faithful

A wondrous year, which was capped by vesterday's award of an MBE, has not turned the head of a down-to-earth new sporting hero, says **Geoffrey Beattie**

onathan Edwards is a remarkable athlete. In the World Championships in Gothenburg in August. he broke the world record for the triple jump not once but twice in successive jumps. And yet he describes his triple-jump accomplishments as "jumping a long way into a sand-pit".

He seems to play down his achievements to a bizarre level. This kind of language makes it all sound like child's play, which clearly it is not. Jonathan is also a committed Christian in a world, in his words, "coosomed by Satan". So when we met in Newcastle for Radio Five Live, I wanted to find out who this Jonathan Edwards really was, this enigma who seems to find it difficult - psychologically speaking - to take in all his world-class achievements.

The starting point was to ask what he thinks about when he is waiting to jump all that way, into the sand-pit. "I'm not aware of anything times," he said. "It's not like Mike Powell, the loog jumper; he goes through a visualisation process - for the first six strides, he's like a raging hull, then he's like a gazelle and then finally he's like a leopard. But with me there's nothing like that.

into it and then off I go." This makes it all sound very easy, so does this extreme mental focus just come naturally to him? "I've worked on the whole mental side of things in my weight-training in particular. There's a lot going on in the gym, a lot of outside influences, people chatting away, wanting to take my at-tention from what I'm doing and I try to focus on that lift and cut every-

thing else off.
"The guy that I work with on my weight-training tells me to just talk with my mouth and not with my head, just forget about what everybody's saying and just get on. That's been ingrained in me - I was good at it anyway, but it's just become slightly more formalised through my training. But it is a quite natural thing.

"I'm very different now from what I was. What's developed over the past two or three years in me is the capacity to be independent. I used to be very worried all the time about what people thought of me. But now I've become much more able to make a decision based on what I feel I should do, regardless of anyone else. I can now go down a line which I believe is right and go for something without worrying what everybody else is thinking. There's a verse in the Bible, in Proverbs, which says that the fear of man is a snare - if you are so warried about



get on the runway, I am 100 per cent One jump ahead: 'My philosophy is to glorify God in what I do. I've always had strong Christian beliefs', says Janathan Edwards

what everyhody else is thinking you just end up tying yourself in knots." Was he very hesitant before making any decisions in the past? "Very much so. I was a bit of a girl's blouse to be honest, a hit woofy as a boy, if I can use that expression. My dad or mum will disagree with me, but I was very diffident. I didn't like to du things on my own. I wouldn't even read a lesson in church in public, I'd

'I'm very different now. What's developed is the capacity to be independent'

be so nervous about what people might think.

"I've probably just developed as a person in the past two or three years. I had a wonderful upbringing but it was quite sbeltered in many respects. I've developed since I've left home and moved up to Newcastle after university in 1987."

It was then time to reflect on

world record - did he think that he could do it all again and more in the next jump?

"I've always got a very good idea of how I feel physically and whether or not I'm going to jump well. With the second jump. I knew that I was still focused and physically I was still up for it. So I knew I could still jump well, hut with the third jump I knew nothing was going to happen. It's like that in training. I get to the point in a training session, when I'm on the end of a run-up and I know, no matter what

l do, it's not going to happen." 1995 was an absolutely remarkable year for him. Was there any indication that it was going to be quite so outstanding? "No. 1994 was a very bad year, following on from a good 1993. I'd trained very hard, but then I got glandular fever. So at the end of 1994. I had a long rest. A let of people are very scentical about viruses and think that maybe you are making it all up - you've just had a bad year and you're trying to hlame it on something. So I went into my winter training for 1995 in January very lowkey, with no great expectations. I was still not totally sure in my own mind that I was 100 per cent physically fit. was obsessed with my pulse - because Gothenhurg and the World Champ-ionships. He had just broken the low 60 I'm OK. I went to America | "I do feel blessed. After I'd jumped in the European Cup. Roger

in February and things started to turn around a fittle bit then, mentally, and then I started to train really well my weights improved, my jumping was good in training. So I thought I was going to have a good season, but not to the level that I did have."

How easy it was for him to suddenly find himself transmogrified into the world champion and the world record holder, the BBC Sports Personality of the Year: an idol to

"I think my way of coping with it is that it's still somewhere away in the distance and I'm just getting on with what I normally did. I look at it and I just shake my head and think that's incredible and I'm very thankful for what's happened. But I feel like exactly the same person, I don't feel any different. It's weird, it's still weird. I've never really talked to anybody about this. But take the likes of Linford Christie - he gives the impression that he was born to greatness and that it's no great surprise that he's doing what he is doing, yet for me it is an enormous surprise. I sometimes wonder if I can do it all again."

Edwards's religious convictions are well known. Did, then, he feel ex-I wasn't sleeping particularly well. I tremely lucky about the events of the past year or blessed in some way? "I do feel blessed. After I'd

Black said to his coach: Twe got to get God,' he said, 'it's obviously working. I helieve God has hiessed me and it's ultimately because of His plan and purpose that I am where I am today and that I've done what I've

done. I'm thankful in that respect." Did he pray for sporting success? Yeah, I didn't used to, but I have done. I've asked God to make me successful. I do want to win and I'm honest with that, but at the same

time, it's not everything." Have there been any pitfalls to praying for success? Oh, there can be. I've no guarantee that prayers are going to be answered. There are cer-tain things that the Bible makes clear if you pray for you can expect answers, but success isn't one of them. But my philosophy of life is to glo rify God in what I do. I've always held strong Christian views. When I was six, my mum said that I came to her and said that I'd asked Jesus into my

For someone who feels the presence of God so much at work in his everyday life, did he also feel the presence of the devil at work throughout society?

"Very much so, It's stated very clearly in the Bible but I look around and see the type of world that we live in and, yes, I do see it – with all the injustice and poverty in the world. I

So I had no problem with competing on a Sunday, but I started to wonder what people might think of the reversal of my decision. I'd made such a stand over not competing on a Sunday. But this is perhaps where the idea of being independent comes in. I thought that people should make their own decisions, based on what they see of me as a person." Perhaps this decision to start competing on a Sunday was an important stepping-stone in his own psychological development.

conscience. Through my own Bible study. I came to realise that it wasn't necessary to have this Sahbath when

I didn't do any sport. I'm still very

much in agreement with the rest principle on Sunday, but it wasn't

something that was obligatory for me.

"I think it probably was, For example, my parents were not for the decision and, given the strong in-

fluence that they have had over me, it was quite a big thing for me to go ahead and do it regardless." But how easy was it to live with this dramatic turn-about? How did it feel

to compete for money on the Sab-Well, actually it was the European Cup so it wasn't strictly for money. I didn't actually get paid, so that complicating factor was removed. The

lunny thing is that on my first jump I had a massive foul. My foot must have been two inches over the hoard and they gave it to me. So draw your own conclusions.

Was it a religious him to be sailing through the air further than any mortal before? His answer was an emphatic no.

"God is very much part of it, but it's not a religious experience. My feelings out on the track are very similar to most other athletes - a mixture of lear, of excitement, of wanting to do well. I must point our that I've always felt that I was consily blessed when things weren't going well, hecause these periods have given me the critical perspective so that I don't get carried away with what's happened this year. The down times that I've had, not qualifying for the Olympics in 1992 and the virus in 1994, have been the most incredible times of personal character development, particularly of spiritual growth. I look on these periods as preparing me for the success that I've

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also think that there are a lot of

temptations from the devil. I think

in success there are more tempta-

tions, and more subtle temptations,

from the devil than in failure. In fail-

ure you can say: I'm no good.

there's nothing in me', and you can

throw yourself totally on to God. But

with success comes power – people

want to listen to my opinions and you can start thinking: Oh yeah, actually,

'I believe God has

it's because of His

where I am today'

I know quite a lor. Vanity is a pow-

faith was his decision to abandon his principle of never competing on a

Sunday, the day of rest. He missed

the 1991 World Championships be-

cause of this religious principle, but

in 1993 he had suddenly, and quite

unexpectedly, changed his mind.

One intriguing aspect of Edwards'

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erful vice.

Finally, what of Edwards's future in athletics and beyond.

"I think that I could possibly earry on until the Olympies in 2004, But. being an athlete, you've always got to be flexible with your plans - an injury could come along and you could lose form. I feel that I'd like to be involved full-time in Christian work of some description. At the moment. I'm doing a theology degree hy distance learning, so that when I do retire as an athlete I will have a qualification which might open doors in other areas."

Gorffrey Beamle is professor of psychology at Manchester University, His series of interviews with leading sports personalities. Head to Head, cominnes with Jonathan Edwards on Radio "It's very much a question of Five Live tomorrow at 8.05pm;

NEW FACES FOR '96: Germany's latest golfing sensation has proved himself over the toughest terrain, says Tim Glover

Cejka shows he has the head for major heights

Alexander Cejka was refused admission to the Munich Beer festival (his home city playing host to one of his favourite products) on the grounds that they thought he was a skinhead. Bernhard Langer would not have had that trouble, but in 1996 Cejka should have no problems gaining entry to almost anything.

Perhaps it is his background, but in the course of the European Tour if he had attempted to live the life nf a fugitive, he could hardly have changed his appearance more effectively. When Cejka wun the Turespaña Open in Andalucia last March, his hair was long enough to accommodate a ponytail; when he won the Hohe Brucke Open in Anstria in August, he had the makings

of a beard. Earlier in the season, he han an agreement with his coach. Peter cal pursuit.

Karz: they would both go for the Yul Brynner look if he won two tour-naments. They had the close shave when they returned to Germany and by the time of the Volvo Masters in October, Cejka just about had enough hair to avoid being mistaken for one of those dummies that remain intact when a Volvu crashes into a wall. In short, he is not so much the face for '96 as the head.

Cejka grew up in Communist Czechoslovakia and was introduced to golf, like so many impressinnable youngsters, by his father, an engineer and a 16 handicapper at the local course in Marianske Lazne, a notable spa town. The club was once the Wentworth of its day, but went into decline under the hammer and sickle party, who have never regarded golf as a suitable ideologi-

father, under the pretence of going un holiday to Yugoslavia, fled to Germany. Two years later, when the German Open came to Frankfurt, Cejka was there. "I remember seeing Bernhard Langer. He walked right by me and I looked up to him as a hig star. He's still my hero. It is hard to believe that I now play in the same tournaments and play practice rounds with him."

Cejka, a scratch amateur at 16, gained his card at the fifth attempt. but had been successful on the Challenge Tour, winning the Czech Open twice. He was beginning to make an impression in 1994 with a couple of top 10 finishes, but then suffered a series of setbacks. He was out of action for five weeks with sunstroke; was disqualified from the Mercedes

In 1980, aged nine, Cejka and his time due to a traffic jam on the autobahn and missed the Czech Open because of food poisoning.

The Turespaña Open was where Cejka arrived. He was the only player to avoid straying over par for all four days and won the tournament by three strokes from Costantino Rocca. That was his maiden Tour victory and his second success, in the Austrian Open, was even more spectacular. Cejka opened with a course record of 61. 11 under par, and continued to post record aggregates for two, three and four rounds. He was never headed and finished four strokes clear of the field with 267, 21 under par.

His exploits in Austria coincided with the US PGA Championship in Los Angeles, where most of the leading Europeans were competing. German Masters for missing his tee However, for the Volvo Masters, the

end of season showpiece, the cream had settled at Valderrama, Ceika, having never finished in Europe's top 100, was making his debut in the championship. All eyes were on the denouement to the season-long duel between Colin Montgomerie and Sam Torrance, with Langer the only other player capable of winning the Order of Merit.

Big Monty duly won the war by finishing second, but the tournament belonged in Cejka. Valderrama is consistently voted the leading course in continental Europe and any professional breaking the par of 71 can congratulate themselves. Ceika went round in 74, 66, 72 and 70 for an aggregate of 282, two under par. He finished two strokes ahead of Montgomerie, three ahead of Torrance and four ahead of his hero. Langer. Turning for home. Ceika was not

on the leaderboard, but he birdied the 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 18th. He finished sixth in the Order of Merii. The previous year he was 102nd, From winning a total of just £258 in 1989, he had curnings in 1995 of £308,000.

One of the reasons for his emer-gence is that he worked for hours, sometimes until 3am, at an indoor course in Munich. Another is that, according to the official statistics, he is the best putter on the Tour with

an average per green of 1.69. Cejka, who was 25 a couple of weeks before Christmas, appears to have the temperament and resolve to be a cut above. He will now be able to play on the major stage for the first time, and Valderrama beckons for the Ryder Cup there in 1997, Before then, the Munich Beer festival owes him a few rounds.



As another intriguing 12 months draw to a close, Jim White and Matt Tench consider how it could have been all so different

SPORT IN '95: AN ALTERNATIVE VERSION

Eric Cantona had suffered a bout of flu in late January?

t was a brave virus, the flu bug which laid Eric Cantona low on the night of 25 January 1995. Not a lot gets between Eric and his football without being called a "shithag" or having a pair of size nines, all studs up, shoved into their face, but flu managed it, keeping him out of the Premiership game against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park: and there is nothing existential about being stuck at home with a towel wrapped round the head and your face in a basin full of Vic.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, was unhappy at the time: Cantona had been flying until then, in the midst of a run of form which culminated in him scoring the winner the previous week against Blackburn: Ferguson was disappointed not to be able to pair his new signing. Andy Cole, with the man he assumed would supply him with the chances to convert. But young Paul Scholes stepned in and scored the winner in an unattractive 2-1 battle, striding past Palace's Richard Shaw, who looked a bit confused about who he should have been marking on the night.

Cantona returned to the side a fortnight later to lead United through a season of unprecedented success. He was everywhere: passing, prod-ding, scoring, picking up his own double - the PFA Player of the Year and the Football Writers' Player of the Year as United positioned them-selves to win the double for the second year running. Nothing seemed to stand in their way: with the League won hy an astonishing 11 points [Cantona scoring all four in the 4-0 home win against Chelsea which scaled it), United faced Everion in the FA Cup final. And it was there that things

went pear-shaped... second half, with United trail-



The photograph that never was: how it might have looked at the FA Cup final at Wembley in May if Eric Cantona had made contact with the Prince of Wales

something in Mururoa and head-hutted the Scotsman, an It was midway through the action which led to a 21-man on-pitch brawl (Lee Sharpe sat ing to a Paul Rideout header, it out - as with most things con-thal it all went wrong for Can-cerning United he assumed he sublime skills could allow

the second United player) to he dismissed in Cup final history. But, just as Trevor Brooking was wondering how it was

his way hack to the dressingroom, launched himself feet first over the perimeter fence. Unfortunately his Nikes did traordinary:

mouthed and racist remark Wales, temporarily out of his suggested hanging was too good from the stands. Cantona, on seat after returning from a vis- for him: Pat Crerand, inter-

treason, the reaction was ex- condone what the lad did, but the Frenchman detonated like second man (and incidentally His attention drawn to a foul- groin area of the Prince of hang; John Sadler, in the Sun, and Princess Diana asked for Cup. And they were crap...

it to the gents.

As Cantonn was tried for Evening News, said: "You can't viewed in the Manchester Sir Nicholas you have to wonder what the

the Frenchman's mobile phone number. The consequences for United, as Cantona hegan his three-year senience for assault on the royal prerogative, were significant: they were stripped

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WERHAMPTON

The Princess of Wales had taken a shine to Brian Moore instead of Will Carling?

Yesterday, England's most-capped hooker talked for the first time of the extraordinary relationship he had forged with Wales's leading Princess. The pair met, he said, when Diana happened upon the wine importers where Moore, the erstwhile wine critic of Today newspaper, does most of his pre-match training.

"She was looking for some-thing crisp and light," he re-vealed. "But I was able to steer her in the direction of something a little more fullbodied." The relationship soon flourished, with secret liaisons at his local Oddbins.

Within weeks I was advising her on ports," he claimed. "And I'd introduced her to Australian, even Chilean vin-tages. Which was something of a whole new world to her. But it was not all one-way

The Princess likes to help those less fortunate than herself, particularly the physically scarred," Moore continued. So she said she found me a challenge. Frankly, after my experience in the England dress ing-room, I just found it a comfort when someone was prepared to listen to me.

'Also, thanks to her contacts with Princess Anne, she was able do wonders for my Scots-

people phobia."
Soon, the Moore became much the merrier, until eventually be was photographed leaving a Thresher wine store 30 seconds after the Princess. But in the end, he was forced to call a halt to their relation-

It was not so much the man-to-man chats with the skipper, Will Carling, or the pressure of the paparazzi, or even the constant mobile phone calls ("her pet name for me was Scrummy," he revealed). It was a dispute over

She was tactically very naive," he said. "Her second phase possession was scrappy, her line-out was a mess and tuna. Enraged by a verbal didn't need to get involved). themselves to be compromised on make contact with the inslight from Duncan Ferguson.

Cantona was sent off, only the by temper, worse happened.

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Shane Warne had been English?

the odd rumble of disconfound it hard to disagree with Raymond Illingworth's promouncement that "playing an sort of gamble those bongers would love to see us take - and I know a thing or two about spin bowling."

So Warne was dispatched on the A tour of India, where to general surprise he proved highly successful. In the first vou can say about England af-Test, he took 14 wickets and ter their 3-1 humiliation Down

party to Australia had caused ner of his generation", considered a little OTT even by his tent, but most commentators English admirers, was greeted with a raspberry from Illingworth. "Anyone can take a few wickers on a good day in Inuntried wrist spinner is just the dia." he said, "and I know a thing or two about spin bowl-

Warne followed this up with haufs of 11 and 13 wickets in the other two Tests and returned to England a unional hero. Which was more than

The year began promisingly for Shaue Warne. His exclusion from the England tour that "be could be the best spin
under. John Emburey, the tention with the posher papers eager to laud an Englishman that "be could be the best spin
under. John Emburey, the spinner with over 20 years in ore experience than Warne. played in three of the five Tests, collecting 10 wickets at an average of more than 40. Illingworth, however, refused to countenance the possibility of a mistake. "If Warne had played, it would have been even worse. And I know a thing or

two about spin bowling."

Warne, of course, had been touted for international recognition ever since he took a record 135 wickets as a 19year-old for Derbyshire seconds in 1989. His prodigious haul soon attracted media at-

pable of spinning the ball, while the tabloids concentrated on the rather less genuine colour of his peroxide locks. With his county heached in

mid-table in the County Championship, there were impeded by rumours of club calls for Warne's elevation to concern about his attitude, the first team, but as the clamour grew, the committee issued a statement saving: "Shane agrees that it would not be in his best interests to rush him at the moment, but we are sure he will be an exciting part of Derbyshire's future.

A local newspaper report that Warne had confided over South Africa got under way, the a pint that we would "love a crack at the first-class nancy boys" was met with a somewhat contradictory denial a few days later.

His progress into the first team the following season was which they insisted amounted to more than an aversion to the an impact: alternatively the vicgold stud Worne had bad inserted in his left ear. By the end of the season, though, Warne was a fixture in the Derhyshire productive Tests. Illingworth first team, and proving virtually unplayable.

WEEKEND FIXTURE GUIDE

As the 1995 summer tour by et too soon. He was dropped for the ficalls for Warne's inclusion in the full Test side reached gale force. Illingworth began by insisting be would not be rushed into any-

year. And I know a thing or two about spin bowling."

However, he failed to make tim of under-use or being called into service when the batsmen were in full flow. After three ungrumbled about his attitude.

had been rushed into Test crick-

nal Test, but was chosen for the tour of South Africa after another all-conquering county season. However, after two thing, but then picked Warne for the first Test, insisting: "I'd al-ways thought this would be his more productive Tests, Warne was dropped, with Illingworth letting it be known that Warne had as much chance of playing in the final Test as Phil Tufnell. Meanwhile, Mark Ramprakash, a fixture in the Australian side since his debut as an 18-year-old, averaged 53.55 in another prodigious year of Test cricket. But that's another story... and wondered aloud whether he

Michael Schumacher had been in the best car?

He would have won all 16 races in the Formula One season.

Monica Seles had won the US Open?

Every other woman tennis player would have retired.

Quotes of the week

All he did in the game was get two of us booked. Vinnie Jones is less than impressed with

talk about is what is happening at Carrow Road. Robert
Chase, Norwich's chairman, puts on a unconcerned air despite fairs' persistent protests. The circus came to town but the lions and tigers just didn't turn up. Kevin Keegan puts on a inigmaster's hat after Newcaste's defeat at Old Trafford. They'll suck with us. I'm sure. They've got no spunk. Dan McCauley, Plymouth chairman, sums up the chairmen of the First Division clubs as they debated whether to quit the Football League.

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TODAY In view of the adverse weather, spec-rators should check with venues before travelling to any outdoor futures.

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two of us booked. Vinnie Jones is less than impressed with Ruud Gullit.

My two pot-bellied pigs don't yelp as much as Ruud Gullit.

Jones is even less impressed with the Dutchman after a day's consideration.

On this occasion Vinnie let himself, the rest of the team, the whole club and me down. Sam Hammam, the Wimbledon owner, finds he can no longer defend Jones.

There is no truth in the rumour that he's nicked the Ireland job off me. A cheeky Mick McCarthy follows Mark McGhee into a press conference.

I stepped up to bat and cashed that cheque. Kevin Williams, of the Dallas Cowboys. mixes his games and his metaphors. At home we talk about Chinstmas presents and next year's summer holiday. What we don't talk about is what is happening at Carrow Road. Robert

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ice hockey BRITISH LEAGUE Premier Division: Fite Ryers v Humbersde Seatoniss (7.15); Million
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Rugby League

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SCOTTISH TERMENT'S INTER DISTRICT CHAMPIONS OF Glosgow Destrict v Edinburgh District (2.0) (at Munayfield, Edinburgh). TODAY'S NUMBER

The per cent of Teletext view ers who voted for Eric Caritons as their Player of the Year. The Manchester United striker out of action for much of the time because of his worldwide ban from football - received one per cent more votes than second-placed Robbie Fowler, of Liverpool.

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through his wardrobe, past the checked suits and the canary gaberdine in preparation for watching Packe Miorun, he will the champion Hurdle.

That racing in Britain suffers he wore when the gelding won before. If he does it will be the last decision he ever makes.

For when Padre Pio was victorious at Clairefontaine last summer, Brooks was wearing natty shorts, prompting Pierre Lependry, the chairman of the course, to comment: "Con-gratulations. With the winnings" you'll be able to afford some long trousers for your next visit to my racecourse."

Brooks will be a rare beast ingoes ahead, Rod Simpsoo indeed this weekend, a British tends to make the most of the Brooks will be a rare beast intrainer able to watch one of his opportunity. In terms of unlikely string in action on turf when Padre Pio returns over La Manche for the Prix Alain de Breil over two miles and one Murphy's old yard near Taunton furlong at Cagnes sur Mer. after being forced from his pre-The Old Etonian will be advised vious base at Newport to take that most British of ac The trainer obviously excoutrements, the umbrella, pects his horses to be as resilient when he starts his journey lat- as himself as Araboybill is deer this afternoon as the forecast. is for rain at the French track. . It seems as though it will be

no more comfortable for Padre Mio, the winner of the Fighting Fifth Hurdle et Newcastle. In a

12.55 Benjamins Law

1.25 What's The Verdict

Going: Sungary. STALLS: 77 and 1mG/— curside, rest.— inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: high from G/ to 1m 4f.

(Z.55, visor). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.

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II Course is N of town on A44B. But service from Wolverhampton Rollway Station (service from London, Basson) 1 m. ADMINSROW; Entrance 58; additional \$10 for entrance, to Victing Resistants; additional \$15.90 for med. CAR PARK: Free.

ELEADING TRAINGES: R Hollinshead -- 33 winners from 320 runners gives a success tasto of 10.5% and a loss to a 21 level stake of 2108.10; M Johnston -- 29 winners, 110 runners, 26.4%, 4.52.28; B Reiny -- 29 winners, 186 runners, 15.6%, 4.63.18.

B Reiny -- 20 winners, 165 runners, 16.5%, 4.53.18.

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BLINEISED FIRST TIME Bogst (12.56, whee); Edubow Walk (1.25); Flashing Sabre

LONG-DISTANCE EURINERS, Nivemba (2.56) has been sent 177 miles by R Houd from Lewes, E Smorr, Moody (4.25), Star Talent (2.56) & War Requiem (3.25) four 156 miles by Miles C Kellegory from Whitespribe, Dorset.

1255 SNOWSTORM HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV I) £3,650 added in 11 79yds Penalty Value £2,713

1.25 BLACK ICE CLAMING STAKES (CLASS F) (DIV I) £3,150 added 1m 4F Penalty Value £2,363

1.55 BLIZZARD NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 270 7f Penalty Value £3,371

225 CEEFAX HANDICAP (CLASS-F) (DIV I) £3,150 added 7f Penalty Value £2,326

1.55 Weetman's Weigh

2.25 Certain Way

race won by the stable's All leff five years ago, Graham Bradley's Leopardstown, where all four mount faces Akwaba, who is one days of the Christmas Festival arought faces Akwaba, who is one of the best hundlers in France. This could be a very dangerous. After Cagnes, the seven-year-old weekend for Charlie Brooks. As will continue on to Pisa, where the Lambourn trainer slides he will winter for six weeks with before returning for an assault

Turf racing in Britain suffers be tempted to select the attire ' its fifth consecutive blank day today and even Wolverhampton's double-header of afternoon and

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: What's The Verdict (Wolverhampton 1.25) NB: Loch Style (Wolverhampton 9.00)

evening all-weather cards is in danger from the freeze.

If the fixture on Fibresand comebacks, Simpson has only Captain Scarlet for competition and he now fights ont of Ferdy

clared for both today's cards at Dunstall Park. "He runs in both races," Simpson said. "And if there was another meeting I'd run the bastard in that as well." By far the best quality racing,

2.55 STAR TALENT (nap)

3.25 Eastleigh

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were lost this week. The course hopes to stage some of the shandoned races this weekend. starting with today's card which contains many names that will be part of the travelling caravan to Cheltenham in March. Aidan O'Brien's That's My Man should advertise his Festi-

val prospects, while the race of the day is between Klairon Davis and Strong Platinum, who has to give the Arkle Chase winner 5lb. Tomorrow's Leopardstown offering should be no less informative, with some quality athletes being drawn to the De-cember Hurdle. O'Brien has prospects with Hotel Minella, who takes on the lightly raced Balawhar and another irregular performer in Montelado, who, like Santa's reindeer, seems to



manage just one outing a year. Klairon Davis, the Arkle Trophy winner, faces a stiff test against Strong Platinum today

Political heavyweight in the saddle to lead racing

Lord Wakeham, the former and whose term of office ends governing authority for British leader of the Conservatives in in June next year. both Houses of Parliament, is Board. After less than a year as a director of racing's governing body, he has been appointed to succeed Lord Hartington, who

Lord Wakeham, 63, joined to become the new Chairman the Board in June as a nominee of the British Horseracing of the Industry Committee and was the only nominee for racing's top post which he will hold for four years from 7 June. He said yesterday; "I am de-

racing." Lord Wakeham's experience in business and politics - he was also a racehorse owner with Stan Mellor in the 1970s marked him out as a potential chairman once he had won his seat on the main board.

However, he hopes his successor can emerge from within

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-7 declared -BETTING: 1-2 That's My Max, 6-1 Dance Boat, Hi Handsome, Y-1 Kifawan,

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the ranks of the racing industry during his term in charge.

"I think this is an important position partly because Stoker Hartington has been such a success in driving the whole thing forward. It is important that the BHB now comes to maturity.

"At the end of the day I would like to see the next chair- government."

OF Seen Mr R Weigh (7) DT Exerts (3)

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man come from any section of the industry and hope we can produce a man or woman who can do the job. Secondly, the finances of the sport are still pretty dodgy in spite of the welcome reduction in betting duty. A lot of things can be done to improve things on a financial basis and not just by looking to the

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Second victory in sight for **Australia** Cricket

sport

Australia 500-6 dec Sri Lanka 233 and 284-6

Australia gradually wore down Sri Lanka's spirited resistance yesterday to move within sight of victory in the second Test in Melbourne, despite a tenacious

century by Asanka Gurusinha. The left-hander frustrated Australia for seven minutes short of six hours in reaching his highest Test score of 143 to save Sri Lanka from a second successive innings defeat against the Australians. However, with only four wickets in hand and a lead of 17, their fate appears sealed.

At the close, Sri Lanka were 284 for 6 with Arjuna Ranatunga, the captain, their last recognised batsman, on six alongside the pace bowler Chaminda Vaas, on five.

Resuming on 33 for 1, Sri Lanka batted with determina-tion to ensure Australia must bat again to take a winning 2-0 lead in the three-Test series.

Gurusinha, who began the day on eight, hammered one six and 15 fours during an innings lasting 274 balls. He eventually out after tea when he fell leg before to Paul Reiffel.

(Fourth day; Australia won toss)
AUSTRALIA - First limings 500 for 8 dec (S.R.Waugh 131no, D.C.Boon 110, R.T.Ponting

nn, K.) Silva, Bowling: McDermott 17-1-54-1; McGrath 27-5-73-0; Reiffel 20-7-59-2; Warna 30-6-67-2; M E Waugh 9-1-19-1, Uniphres: D Har and S Dunna (NZ),

The Sri Lankan Board of Control for Cricket is to ask its Australian counterpart to ensure that the umpire Darrell Hair does not control any of their remaining tour matches in Australia, after be no-balled their off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan for throwing.

Sayonara says farewell to record

Salling

STUART ALEXANDER

Six hours outside the 20-year old record, but to huge crowds, Larry Ellison's new maxi, Sayonara, made her way to Constitution Dock in Hobart, Tasmania, yesterday to win the 1995 classic

offshore race from Sydney. In the early part of the 630mile dash to the south, everything conspired to help them beat the time of two days, 14 hours, 36 minutes and 56 seconds set by Jun Kilroy in 1975. In the latter part, everything conspired against, the wind turning from a helpful push from behind to a nose-bashing stopper from the

front, before dying completely.
That made the time of three days, 53 minutes and 35 seconds all the more creditable, and showed the desirability which races of this kind offer to big-boat sailors around the world.

It also kept the purse of AUS\$250,000 (£120,000) offered by the sponsor, Telstra, safely in the bank. "We thought we had a great shot at the record, but the wind gods said no," Ellison said afterwards, "But that was an unbelievable experience and I

would do it again." Less sure was his co-billionaire crewman, Rupert Murdoch. It was, he agreed, "a lot bigger a race than 30 years ago" wheo he did it four times in his ketch, Ilina. He might return with his own maxi in a couple of years "if my sons get inter-

ested in sailing". Second was George Snow's Australian maxi Brindabella, adrift by two hours, and third was Peter Walker's Amazon. Meanwhile, the rest of the oear 100strong fleet was also coping with calms which could throw the results of their own efforts into the air after the handicap corrections were applied to their times.

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lighted and very flattered to be has steered the BHB through its opening two and a half years appointed as chairman of the 8 000-005 SEA GOD (85) (Ms 8 Ward M Cropmon 4 8 10 _______ C Menoby (7) S 9 050003 ITS 50 EMSY (15) (9) (Group 1 Recong (1994) Ltd A Larges 4 7 11 ______ N Actaons 8 9 declared -BETTHMS: 5-2 Certain Way, 11-4 Dr Caffgeri, 5-1 Dream Carrier, T-1, Menis, 8-1 Araboybill, Young Beanne, 12-1 See God, 14-1 others.

. FORM GUIDE Certain Way is the one numer who can be said to be in form having beaten Maple Bay a neck ower course and distance lest time, with DREAM CARRIER Record on from a long, way off the pace to be fourth, beaten about face lengths. Certain Way has every chance of confirming that superiority, but Dream Carner showed enfouraging signs of conang back to form and, if he does tot get left behind, will surely make a race of it in a 5b beater terms, the may not be the facts on was at the start of the year when with David Berron, but he has dropped to a very good mant having desprointed for John O'Shee and will not need to be at his best to wan this. It's So Easy is another to have taken a big drop in the ratings, as he is two stone lower than when wirning over this hip for Mark Johnston in July lest year, the was keeping on well when just over three lengths thick to Scissor Raige at Ungleich last time on his first start since August to gave encouragement for today. Dr Calligain did not run up to his best on his first start after leaving lack Berry's yard when fourth in Linde Schelt. Perhaps he will have benefited from it but he remains a maden after plenty of opportunities. Biomis could be given a chance judged anotty on his fourth to Intial Born in a sx-furlong deturner here lest time but heap been discoppointing otherwise this year.

Selection: DREAM CARRIER

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out time: 9-4 Star Talent, 7-2 See Devil, 5-1 l only, 14-1 Live Project, 16-1 others. FORM GUICE

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STAR TALENT must be worth a chance in this grade on his first start for Cay Kelleway. The four-year-old, a smart performer when with David Elsworth, has obviously had his problems, but it was as recent as April of this year that he won a conditions race at Warwick and he will not need to be anywhere near his best to win this. The fact that he acts on soft ground gless encouragement as far as his ability to handle this surface goes. Veterina See Devill is in his elament in this sort of ace but has not bean out since beating Ruper's Princess over this tipp at Southwell in hitsy. Service OF Princity sits has a long elsternice to overcome but could be fancied if he is reasonably fit. At the Sarvey will appreciate the return to Fibresand after a run down the field at Lingfield. He is Closely matched with Montague Dawisson Jodged on Southwell nursing behand Most Uppdy lear month. Live Project's best unssince coming to this country from Instand have been on Lingfield's Equitrack, notably a second to Set The Firstian, but he cannot be ignored in this grade.

Selection: STAR TALENT

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	EAST BARNS runs for the first time since winning at Nottingham in May, but he might well	٠.	262033	CALDER KING (29) (D Clotson) J L See 4 10 0
-	strip fit. The re-lighing of blinkers was one of the keys to the Nottingham success and the	. =		
	fact that Steve Gollings rups East Barne in bilinters here suggests that be is primed to run	. 2		5800LENSK (180) (Ches Deuters) J Berry 3 9 13P Roberts (7) 12
	well. In addition, this somewhat unusual trip is line for East Barns who won over an ex-	3	46-0403	WARRINGST (\$355) (V Greines) O Nicholis 4 9 9
	tended nine fullings at Nottingham and is able to run here off the same handleso rating.	. 4		CHILDREN'S CHOICE (54) (D) (Mrs A V Tourist) P McDride 4 9 6
	The surface should present no problems given that the grey has three all-weather wins at	- 5		EASTLEIGH (16) U E Bast R Holinshard 693 N Wichow 11
_	Southwell in his record and he goes well for Francis Norton who may find the best of the	- 2		
	going from the outside draw. Benjamins Law has two course and distance wins in the lock-	8		CAPTAIN NAME ALADE (5th (Nes Alson Thom) O Thom 56 13 F Notice 10
•	going with the control early. Assignment Law like pito course and captaines were at the Ack-	7	000466	BY THE BAY (16) Stichard Berensond C Booy 3.5 11
	er. He will be pushed to add to those gains off 10st, but his November and December from	8		LUSTRE (120) Geson Morent & Fierro 3 & 8 S O Williams 8
	shows hen to be in great heart. Colores looks potentially well handicapped and there was			CHARLES-DON'T SURF (28) (full Which Recing) R Guest 3 8 6
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	gest of the 10 fundings, but showed up well enough to be given an auch-way chance here.	. 20		SCENT OF PORER (207) (Gareth Gregory) N Babbage 5 8 4
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ı	claimer after November's Southwell second of 16 to Road Music, while Boost (it from hur-			BRIDANNEA MELS (140) (Van Marin) M Chautran 4 7 10
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1	on open starter. Selection: BAST BARNS.	网	ETUNES: T-2	Calder King, 4-1 Captain Mannelado, 5-1 Enstiolgh, 6-1 Worthest, 7-1 By The Bay,
ı		8	1. Smolensk	, 12-1 others.
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WAR REQUIEN can easily be considered in this open and moderately contested handcap with only one below him in the weights. There is every chance Senetenek will lead from the outside draw and this getting is not without a chance. But a stayer such as Wer Requient can come fate and farming far not without a chance. But a stayer such as Wer Requient can come fate and internationally such as good booling for Gay Kellowey's change, it should be immembered he was a dual witner for Toby Salding two years ago and this slower surface may suit him better than Linglied's Equitacid, where he had runs in August and September and now off a lower handcap mant. There is no coused writer in the roce and Eastheligh has done his winning on Linglied's Equitacid so could be a chancely proposition on this surface. Calider King has a big lead in Touris and a chancel month. Newhours a a Fibresand major where it Southwell but needs to prush aside a lengthy layoff, while Seale Of Power lines up after a recent no over hunder and he showed improved from to best a big field at Nottingham in May. By The Bay has recardly hen over shorter than to Equitack. She could well do better today over this time strong on the structure of a chancer here two courges ago and was over a shorter to one Equitack next time. Capitalia, Marmedade, a dual all-weather winner, and Childrens Cholice, who was over hundes less time out, can be expected to figure if running up to their best.

3.55 BLACK ICE CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) (DIV II) £3,150 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £2,363

BETTHE: 9-4 Sweet Supposis, 11-4 Height of Pame, 5-1 Frontier Flight, 6-1 El Nido, 8-1 Gazali

FORM GLIDE.

EL NEDO has proven stamine to gets the hodo over Sweet Supposite. Sweet Supposite a home with a turn of foot and has won here four threes. But the wine were gained over shorter they and E) Mido has won four times on Southwell's Fibresand and looks just the type for this tip, after lating over longer journeys. He shall not found that 12 fairings still looks his best distance. Relights Of Forme looks before than Restard. (that been over hurdled) on his course second to the improved Opera Buff, who has won twice since.

4.25 CEEFAX HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV II) £3,150 added 77 Penalty Value £2,326 8 00000 SEPERM DESIRAL FRO PARKE O'TOOK M CORPORATY ().

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WOLVERHAMPTON Evening

HYPERION 7.00 Cretan Gift (nb) 7.30 Maple Bay 8.00 Salios 8.30 Cashmere Lady 9.00 Loch Style 9.30 Opera Buff

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MESTING UNCRETAIN TO TAKE PLACE

WINNESS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Nonc.

LONG-HISTANGE ECONNESS: Second Colours (7.30) has been sent 170 miles by him & Revelsy from Linguist. Civelanti; Opera
Bull (9.30) acst 156 miles by Miss G Kellevsy from Whitcombe, Donsel. 7.00 TAREWELL 1995' HANDICAP (CLASS D) £4,000 added 8f

— T declared — BETTRIGE 11-4 Little Nor., 3-1 Crease Grit, 7-2 Sing With The Bend, 4-1 Nordon Raider, 9-2 Kirs, 6-1 Crystal Loop, 10-1 Delrob

BETTING: 5-2 Spencer's Revenue, 3-1 Second Colours, 4-1 Maple Buy, 9-2 Remote Walker, 10-1 Draging Green, 12-1 Dennistre, 14-1 others

8.00 RESOLUTIONS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,000 added 270 1m 1f 79yds

- 10 decigned -BETTING: 8-4 Shaybistani, 2-1 Fly Rosey, 6-1 Noble Staces, 8-1 Expedient Option, Raylyne, Young Fenore, 12-1 Greatly Gate, 14-1 others 6 SKEPANN (21) N Smith 90 ______S D Williams 4 0 THENORTHERNPLAYBOY (65) 9 Prece 9 0 _____N Admits 4 O BALMORNI, PRINCESS (43) / Pescock 8 9 _____ Date Gibson 2 500003 BE MY BIRD (77) 8 Nechon 8 9 _______ G Bardwell 9 SE MY BRD (77) 8 Weeken 8 9 ______ Onle Gibern 2 8 005 HAVANA HEIGHTS (23) 1E yre 8 9 ______ Rupple 5 1D 45 REPLOY (52) Lord Hummgron 8 9 ______ Down McKeene 1 _____ 10 declared -____ SETTING: 2.1 Ballos, 3-1 Both Kingdy, T-2 Reploy, 6-1 Be My Bird, 6-1 Havana Heights, 12-1 Duncing Cavadhe, 14-1 others

8.30 HOGMANAY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £4,000 added 1m 1f 79yds

9.00 B & K BUILDING SERVICES SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added 270 7f

9.30 OLD YEAR HANDICAP (CLASS D) 54,000 added 1m 4f

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FOOTBALL: Things have gone right and then wrong for Rovers in 1995. Glenn Moore looks at Ewood Park's highs and lows

Blackburn misplace their fighting spirit

and Disaster, And treat those two

t is not known if any Black-burn players voted when Rudyard Kipling's "If" was chosen as the nation's favourite poem earlier this year, but few people will be as well-placed to appreciate its most commonly quoted sentiment.

In 1995, Rovers experienced the greatest highs and deepest lows (genuine tragedy apart) that the English game has to offer. In May, they won their first championship for 81 years. completing a four-year rise from the Second Division. By November, they were the laughing stock of Europe, a miserable Champions' League campaign reaching its nadir when Graeme Le Saux and David Batty traded punches in Moscow.

They have since won a game in Europe, but a 5-0 defeat by Coventry underlined their decline. They receive Tottenham at Ewood Park today, 17 points and nine places behind the leaders. The most obvious difference between last season and this is in the dug-out. Where Kenny Dalglish once stood, Ray Harford now sits. Under Harford, the team appears to have lost cohesion and commitment. There have even been chants of "Harford out" from the Rovers' supporters.

but having agreed to be inter-viewed at Blackburn's training have to like each other, there ground yesterday, he left the complex before the agreed time.

were there in April. Blackburn tottered over the finishing line like a marathon runner who had been asked to run a mile too far. Only Manchester United's failure to beat West Ham gave

Dressing-rooms are conservative places and any form of intellectualism is frowned upon

Since 4 April, when they gained a slightly fortuitous win at Queen's Park Rangers, Blackburn have won 14 and lost 17 of 37 matches. The away statistics are the most telling: played 20, lost 14, won two - both against Endsleigh

League opposition. Championships – and European competitions - are won away from home, that is where a team shows its character, That

what is going wrong.

The worst: Brawling in Moscow was the culmination of shown in his play. A few oth-

Harford's defence of his record, obvious, the Moscow brawl nnderlined that. But teams do not were players in the successful Liverpool team of the 1970s A case can be put in his ab-sence. The signs of decline er, but possessed a mutual respect and aim and backed each other up on the field.

Jealousies and cliques only become a problem when a team begins losing. Suddenly players do not make that extra effort for a team-mate; they do not make that covering run, or

pull defenders out of position. Within the Blackburn side, there are players whose attitudes could be defined as "new lad" - the ones who spent a sightseeing trip around Moscow telling rude jokes at the back of the hus. Others possess either a broader outlook on life or a more focused, professional one.

The most obvious outsider is Le Saux. Dressing-rooms are conservative places and any form of intellectualism is frowned upon. Le Saux reads the broadsheets, lives in a cottage he is renovating (rather than on a mock-Georgian estate), and writes of being upset by the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the Nigerian dis-sident (hardly a household name in dressing-rooms). But while Le Saux is not es-

pecially close to the likes of Alan Shearer and Tim Flowers, they respect his ability and are disinterested in his life outside the club. These are players who work on their game and are only concerned with Le Saux's contribution to the cause. However, others at Blackburn take a more malign view.

That is not the only divide. Chris Sutton in attack may not be entirely unconnected with his being Shearer's golfing partner. Then again, it higgest problem has been the may have something to do absence of Jason Wilcox, eswith Harford being unimpressed by Sutton's approach.
For his part, Sutton is said
When Wilcox was injured

to be unhappy with Harford's early March, Dalglish tried to stewardship. There is a feeling sign Trevor Sinclair. He failed among some players that the and the transfer deadline premanager has favourites: Shearer is particularly influential.

Since Shearer appears to he deserves to be heard. After summer signing was Matty one defeat this season when Holmes - he later said he re-Harford suggested the team gretted not hringing more playthank the supporters, Shearer ers in, but wished to give the responded along the lines of championship winners first shot. "never mind that, get us in the dressing-room and sort out ed. Within two months he

suggested some players still If Shearer has sometimes re- thought: "they were on the gretted not going to Italy dur- beach in Spain thinking how ing the summer, it has not good it is to be champions". He has since made one ex-Photograph: Empics ers can be happy with their cellent signing in Lars Bohi-



nen, a promising one in Chris Coleman and an unproved have not helped, but the

one in Billy McKinlay. But his

mitial loyalty did lend weight to fears that the former coach pecially with Stuart Ripley out was too close to the team. His When Wilcox was injured in reluctance to change also stemmed from not wishing to alter much. He admitted to BBC Radio Five Live last vented any further signings. week that be studied Graeme Blackburn then gambled on Souness's approach when he Wilcox recovering in time to replaced Dalglish at Liverbe carrying the team virtually play a part in Europe. They are single-handed, one might say still waiting. Harford's only much. Harford has gone too far the other way.

Both he and Souness may feel, privately, that Dalglish timed his departure wisely. Liverpool were an ageing team, Blackburn a functional one who lacked the flexibility required to succeed in Europe. There was also a sense that their high-energy, hardrunning style would be hard to maintain. Leeds had a similar

problem after their 1991/92 ti-

failed to win away all season. Dalglish is still at Rovers as director of football. Critics say he is doing nothing to justify the title, or the salary. Supporters point to his work with the youth system, an area chosen both because of a personal desire to develop young players and also to avoid interfering with Harford. However his work may help

Blackburn's future, he has let When the Champions' League draw was made, Harford looked forward to Dalglish's advice. "This is where Kenny will come into his own. He will fulfil his role as director of foothall and be our European envoy," Harford said.

This never happened and Blackburn went into Europe virtually hlind. It showed. But Dalglish still gives the cluh what

Harford calls "presence". With-

ing another provincial club.

"If you can keep your head when all about you it on you

And if you can trust tourself when all men doubt you But make allowance for their

If you can bear to watch the things you gave your life to broken

Harford does not generate the same respect, not just because his reputation as a coach has yet to translate into managerial success, he also lacks resence". This is not entire-

ly his fault - replacing Dalglish was an onerous task. He at least treats the impostors of triumph and disaster the same - witness his unsmiling reaction whether Rovers score or concede. We will from "If" also apply to him.

Are losing theirs and blaming

doubting too

And stoop and build 'em up ...You'll be a man, my son!"

HHAT THEY SAID ABOUT BLACKBURN

The club has won nothing since I was a boy in short pants. I've dreamed of this moment since I stood on a wooden box on the old terraces. And that really is the nuts and bolts of everything I'm talking about... our players went out there to show the Blackburn Rovers supporters that they're going to he the best.

Jack Walker before the final match of last season

I have always felt there's a scriptwriter up on a cloud somewhere who has been penning Kenny's life story. He just seems to pop up in the most incredible places to create history. Gordon Strachan on Kenny

People think that Rovers were a struggling little club before Kenny [Dalglish] took over. had taken them to three playoffs in a row and I signed Col-in Hendry for £27,000. Don Mackay, who had guided Rovers to the brink of that Premiership before Kenny

I had a hollow feeling when Blackburn won the championship. It is vulgar slinging £60m at something and buying success that way. John Madejski, chairman of

Datglish arrived.

What has happened here is a fairytale, little short of a miracle. People do not realise how far we have come. They really think we are up there with clubs like Liverpool and Man-chester United, just because we won the League. We are not. We are a small-town provincial club and it is going to take three years at the top before we even start compar-

ing ourselves to these clubs. Ray Harford in the week be-

fore Blackbum's visit to Liv-

erpool in September Morale is very low...It wasn't until 3pm today, because we thought we'd maybe turned a comer. But it's another kick in the teeth and we have to show character now. They are not bad players, the ma-

jority of it is confidence. Ray Harford after the game at Anfield ended in a 3-0 defeat

I'm not saying the dream is over. And I'm not saying they won't win a trophy again this season. But I am absolutely staggered that they haven't made more use of Jack Walker's money, that they didn't strike while the Kevin Keegan in September

Before the match I told my players they will be playing against 11 guys ready to fight for each other for 90 minutes not with each other.

Oleg Romantsev, Spartak Moscow coach, after the Le Saux-Batty hrawl in their Champions' League match against Blackbum

United use Prunier to help cut the lead

Christmas programme have given way to days when minus 20 refers to a temperature rather than Bolton's goal difference. For all that, the festive spirit promises to prevail at Old

a disastrous European campaign

After Manchester United's victory in Wednesday's Premiership summit meeting. Kevin Keegan described his Newcastle team as a circus without lions. By tonight, the top of the table could be more like a pantomime_as Geordie voices bellow: "Behind you!

United might have gone into the visit of Queen's Park Rangers 13 points adrift. They could close the gap to four. Newcastle's match at West Ham having fallen foul of the

With four centre-backs indisposed, the United manager, Alex Ferguson, has called up the French international William Prunier. A former

Arsenai v Wimbledon Bergvamp returns after a five-game

absence with a calf injury but fel-

low Dutchman Helder, and Hartson,

have been dropped from the Arse-

nal squad. Clarke is expected to re-

tain his place after an impressive debut in the 3-0 win over Queen's

Park Rangers. Wimbledon have yet

to reveal if Jones will be left out af-

ter his sending-off in the 2-1 win at Chelsea, Goalkeeper Heald is back

in the squad after missing the

Chelsea game with a knee ligament

suspended, so Sutton and Warhurst are in line to be called up into the squad. Tottenham are beset with in-jury womes. Winger Fox, mudfielders Howells and Dozzell and defender Wilson have been ruled out and iom long-term casualties Anderton, Ker slake, Thorstvedt and Scott on the ham has not trained this week and faces a late test on a troubless back. Manager Francis has called in the rarely used Romanian in-Lemational Dumitrescu and mid-fielder Watson.

and a half years.

of late, need not revert to defence. QPR shattered United

with a 4-1 away win almost four

years ago to the day but, un-

less they exploit the lack of fa-

miliarity which may undermine

Tottenham - who receive

injury, but Segers is expected to con-**Bolton v Coventry** Bolton have a defensive selection problem for their important relega-Blackburn v Tottenham Striker Shearer will try for the goal which will enable him to become the tion meeting, lostandic interna-tional defender Bergsson starts a first player to score 100 m the Pre-mership. Blackburn are forced to three-match ban, which has left the joint-managers McFarland and Todd make at least two changes to the side which defeated Manchester City 2-0 on Boxing Day. Centre back Hendry and midfielder Sherwood are to decide whether to gamble on an earlier-than-expected return for Stubbs or take the safer option of

Auxerre and Marseille player. Ike Eric Cantona, the 28-year. old Prunier has made only one forward to the reserve appearance during his weekend's trial from Bordeaux, hut has the height to combat Mark football action Hateley as the Queen's Park Rangers striker strives for his

take the Premiership's only first English league goal in 11 unbeaten away record to Black-Prunier's availability also hurn, those northern softies means that Roy Keane, Unitwho have still to win on their ed's most imposing performer travels.

Something may have to give today. Only Newcastle, with a 100 per cent record, are stronger at home than the champions. Moreover, Alan Shearer is menacingly poised the home back four, hopes of on 99 Premiership goals for repeat look like hoop Blackburn, having scored in every match at Ewood Park this season.

Manchester United on New Joe Kinnear, whose judgement is under particular scruti-ny in the Republic of Ireland, emerged as Newcastle's closest challengers by the start of next week. "Resilient" is a word must decide whether to include Vinnie Jones in Wimbledon's line-up at Arsenal. Ominously not normally associated with London lancy dans, yet Spurs for the tattooed trundler, the

Team news

moving Phillips to centre back and

recalling full-back McAnespie. Insh Under-21 international midfielder

and game of the season for Coven-

try as replacement for Richardson,

who is serving a one-match sus-

pension after being sent off against

Cheisea v Liverpool

Striker Hughes is suspended, so Fur-

long is expected to lead the Chelsea attack. Barnett and Dow have been

added to the squad as midfielder Myers faces a late fitness test. The

in-form Fowler, scorer of five goals in his last two games, has shaken

off the effects of flu to take his place in an unchanged Everpool side which

mined to step up its title chal-

pland is set to play only his sec-

club refused to exonerate him a haul of three points from nine over his dismissal for poleaxing Ruud Gullit. With all the hot air emanat-

ing from Jones this week, peraps he could be loaned to one of the clubs unable to heat the freeze. Everton have no such difficulties, though they do have the problem of rehabilitating their own angry young man. Duncan Ferguson's comehack continues on the bench, and Tony Yeboah may also have a watching brief for visiting Leeds if he returns

from Ghana's game in Egypt in The sight of Leeds' Tomas Brnlin - born and bred inside the Arctic Circle - wearing gloves at Bolton was a measure of how cold it is. Today, Burnden Park stages a meeting of the division's bollom two. It may be premature to talk of six-pointers at the halfway stage of the season, hut Bollon risk being east adrift if they do not beat Coventry, or at least improve on

Everton v Leeds

Everton v Leeus

Everton retain an unchanged side
after their 4-0 beating of Middlesbrough on Boxing Dey, Ferguson has
recovered from gastric flu and is ex-

pected to be one of manager

Royle's three substitutes. Leeds manager Wilkinson is leaving 14-goal Yeboah out following his midweek appearance for Ghana in Cairo. Wal-

lace is expected to take his place while Ford is expected to continue

in the absence of the suspended

midfield player Palmer, who is com-

Manchester Utd v QPR
French international centre back
Prunier will replace May, who has
joined Pallister, Bruce and Parker

on the injured list. Manager Fer-guson hopes to keep the Bordeaux

player for the rest of the season as United attempt to overhaul New-

pressive 2-0 win over the leaders.

pleting a two-match ban.

In the pursuit of Derby at the top of the First Division, second-placed Charlion face Southend (sixth) - with the home forward and best-selling author Garry Nelson primed for his 600th senior outing while Sunderland (third) collide with Birmingham (fourth), a fixture never goalless at Roker Park in 44 starts. Meanwhile, spare a thought

for West Bromwich Albion, beaten 11 times in a row and visiting Barnsley, where they last won in 1947/48. The worst post-war run belongs to neigh houring Walsall, with 15 straight defeats, with the alltime record of 18 set hy Darwen more than a century ago. So desperate are Albion that

so Queen's Park Rangers are ex-pected to recall Ready. Striker Allen is fit again and challenges Gallen for a place alongside Hate-

their manager, avowed purist Alan Buckley, tried to sign a certain Wimbledon midfielder on loan this week. His subsequent sending-off, and the suspension to come, scuppered the deal. Northern Ireland centre back Mc-Donald starts a two-match ban af-ter reaching 21 disciplinary points,

Nottm Forest v Middlesbro Dutch international Roy is in con-tention for a recall. He ended his seven-week absence with a torn car-tilage when he made a brief substrute appearance in the 1-0 win over Sheffield Wadnesday on Boxover snement wearresday on bus-ing Day. Lee, scorer of the winner against the Owls, is the player most likely to stand down. Manager Rob-son is set to return for mjuny-hit Middestrough, Barmby (Achilles tendon) and Hignett (hernia) are among the absentees but their Brazilian import Juninho is included in the squad, despite being injured in the 4-0 Box-ing Day defeat by Everton.

Graham is unrepentant, more bunged against than bunging Several candidates - former

Arsenal players, all - were mooted to replace the disgraced George Graham after his departure from Highbury, but none had sufficient experience or managerial success to make them likely contenders. What was needed was, perhaps, not so much an Arsenal man, as an Arsenalstyle man. A fine, upstanding manager, emphasising neal passing clean living and fresh-iy combed hair with straight partings in equal measure. Stand up, Bruce Rioch. Not, perhaps, the first

choice of the majority, Rioch won the Highbury hordes over with ease. It is customary in new relationships to greet the object of one's wooing with a gift. Chocolates, flowers, Dennis Bergkamp, that sort of thing. The in-coming governor wisely gave Thornton's and the florists a swerve and opted instead to bestow upon Gooners the aforementioned Dutchman, smashing the archaic Arsenal wage policy to attract him, Credibility was restored; the message to the world was: we're back and we mean

And what an astute acquisition the Ice Man has been. In true 'Buy one, get two free' tradition. Bergkamp has been Arsenal's best player in any position, picking the ball up in front of Seaman's goal, play-ing it out (on the floor! to feet!), shielding the ball in the middle of the park and penetrating the opposition's penalty area with intimidating precision, whether passing or shoot-

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Arsenal SARAH DOYLE

to settle down, but against Villa at Highhury back in Octo-ber. he and Wright appeared almost clairvoyant, ally becoming a partnership. A player of rare vision and ability, Bergkamp embodies Rioch's brave new Arsenal; he has skill and a high work rate, a scandal-free personal life and moderate manner on the field.

ing. It took him a game or few

Gone is the 'hoof and hope' game which characterised many a Premiership performance in Graham's last three seasons. Indeed, league form from '92/93 onwards had been poor, performances (and players) jaded and the formation defensive, a sad metaphor of the siege-like mentality of the man then pulling the strings. The purchase of Wright not withstanding, Graham appeared reluctant to huy big, despite a midfield peopled by nobodies. Those desiring excitement and a result would have done better to attend a singles-only karaoke rather than a league game at Highbury, where the noise level seldom rose above the decibels required for a mass whinge.

Bruce possesses a candour that George would have found

notes address unflinchingly issues surrounding defeats, team selection and the like. He has acknowledged the need to restore the defence to its traditional mean self and has proved unsentimental in offloading excess baggage (see ya, Campbell).

Rioch is rebuilding; not always an easy process (witness the dire home hore-draws against Blackburn and Cheisea), but a progressive one, at least.

Although vaguely in touch with the leaders, Arsenal have, realistically, about as much chance of winning the title this season as Martin Keown has of being described as a worldclass play-maker. But you've got to fancy us - with our shiny new attacking formation - for

Meanwhile, as George chews the lid of his Bic and contemplates the correct spelling of curriculum vitae, he remains unrepentant, a defiant and indignant figure, more

Now, Gooners are left with a confused legacy; an undying gratitude to the man who gave us some of the most magnificent moments of our lives, imbued with a bitterness for his betrayal of us and, if we're honest, some relief, too, at his departure. The time had come. George's shelflife was over - his ideas had

boss. New blood. But a new pride, too. Yeah. Pride of North London, that's us. Wan-

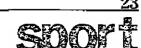
Aston Villa.

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a cup, surely. bunged against than bunging.

dried up and his vision had gone

It's a transitional year. New alarming. His programme na make something of it?



Euro-sceptics left on the margins of innovation

symbolic that the big game with the best chance of going ahead in these islands is this afternoon's between Leinster, Ireland's provincial champions, and Cardiff at Lansdowne

The very fact that the international venue is being used for this semi-final reflects the sig-nificance which the Irish - as well as the Welsh, French and the rest of Europe bar the Rugby Football Union - have placed on the inaugural competition for what will become European rugby's greatest prize, the Heineken

Today's double bill of Leinster v Cardiff, the Welsh champions, and Toulonse, the French champions, v Swansea, the Welsh Cup-holders, at the Sept-Deniers stadium will produce the finalists for next Sunday at Cardiff Arms Park. If it is obvious that the final needs a Welsh presence, this is not to poke firm but merely to state a

Besides, there has, by one means or another, been far too much disparagement of a worthy, even noble attempt to get pan-European rugby off the ground despite the English - the ad-ministrators that is, certainly not the clubs or players.

As it has turned out, they were only biding their time before entering next season, although the way the RFU rubbished the prototype organisation - playing Steve Bale previews today's semi-finals of the inaugural Heineken Cup, rugby union's most overlooked tournament

in midweek, inadequate floodlighting and the rest of it while suggesting they would go in on their own terms or not at all was a perfect example of what in Toulouse they might call folie

The loss is theirs, or at any rate Leicester's and Bath's. While the RFU was banging on about the congestion of its structured season and the burden on players, these leading clubs and others were making it clear they had no objection to joining forthwith and would fit it into their schedules with far less inconvenience

television and sponsorship fees just for this season, there was fairly serious money at stake. But then the pioneers of team sport have seldom been pioneers of its internationalisation: witness English foothall's initial absence from both the World

Cup and European Cup.
At last we now know this is about to change, though the RFU should be - and doubtless are - under no illusions about the resentment their stance caused both among other rugby unions and their own refractory clubs. Rugby's

With at least £5m available in European Cup has missed them, and they have missed

> Not that this inaugural event can be considered wholly successful. Typically of their notion of PR, the Welsh clubs began by treating their Euro-fixtures as essentially no different from any

other important matches. This did nothing to elevate their profile, and the coincidental occurrence of the tours of France by New Zealand. Wales and Ireland by Fiji and Scotland and England by the Western Samoans denied the

inches and air time. With the semi-finals has come a change of media policy, so that most correspondents had decided to

make Dublin their priority this weekend even before the weather had done its worst to the English programme. Until now, though, it has to he admitted that most people would have had little idea that this great innovation had been tak-, and Romanian.

Indeed you could argue it was not until Cardiff went to Bordeaux to play Begles that their players, and more important officials, came to appreciate precisely what was happening. The Andre Moga stadium was full Hemeken Cup a more and there was a formidable

a superlative, drawn match followed by a slap-up banquet for

As an example for others, it was superb as well as superbly demonstrative of what the European Cup could become. Next season the top four Eng-lish clubs and the leading Scottish districts will be added to a savoury continental mix of Welsh, Irish, French, Italian

That the Spaniards, Ger-mans and even Canadians - who would establish a squad in Europe during the autumn - have also applied to join tells its own optimistic story. For now, a Cardiff-Toulouse final would do very well.

Saracens line up Sella and Lynagh

DAVID LLEWELLYN

Saracens' dream of fielding a world class back-line moved a step nearer to reality last night when sources at the club confirmed they have had talks with the Australian fly-half Michael Lynagh. The north London First Division club are also at the head of the queue to win the signature of the French centre

Philippe Sella. Lynagh, who retired from international rugby after Australia's dramatic last-minute loss to England in the World Cup, is under contract to the Italian championship leaders, Treviso, But Lynagh, who scored a world record 911 points in 72 Tests, is said to he interested in coming to England.

Sella, who has also just retired from international rughy after winning a record 111 caps, has been contacted by a number of First Division clubs, but the indications are that he will opt for London for husiness reasons.

The adverse weather has forced the postponement of today's Courage League programme and created a problem for the England manager, Jack Rowell, after the National Clubs Association decreed that the games should now be played. on 13 January, a week before England take on France in Paris and the very weekend scheduled for a prolonged squad session.

That would mean Bath, with eight squad members, and Leicester, with three, would be weakened. But fears of a club country clash receded last night after Alwynne Evans, executive secretary of the NCA. explained: "Sides with three or more internationals can appeal against the decision to play on that date and we would then apply a little bit of common sense and ask them to take the next available date. We have to help England as much as possible. Peter Wheeler, the former England captain, has switched from being amateur president of Leicester to become the club's first professional chief executive.

Huggins on home and away duty

Basketball **DUNCAN HOOPER**

Sheffield Sharks are the only top four club in Budweiser Lesque action this weekend, and their leading player. Roger Huggins. is the only England international on domestic duty before leaving with the national team on Monday for two games in Denmark.

Jim Brandon, the Sharks' coach whose team are to play Doneaster Panthers tonight, has already expressed his concern over player hurn-out and Huggins, their leading scorer, is vital to Sheffield's defence of the league title. Laszlo Nemeth, the England coach, knows the oft 6in Huggins is equally vital to his preparations for the European Championship semi-final round game away to Russia on 28 February.

The two internationals against Denmark are followed hy two games against Hungary

at home on 20 and 21 Fehruary. The absence of the World Invitation Club Basketball event for the first time in 19 years has left the New Year weekend un-

usually short of action. Weather conditions could restrict the scheduled action in the Budweiser and National Leagues. Although Sheffield have the relatively short hop to Doncaster. Newcastle Comets are due to travel to Hemel Royals and Worthing Bears face a trip to Derby Storm.

ENGLAND (v Denmark): N Austan, S Buchnall, A Gerdiner (all London Towers), R Baker, K Brown, I Whyte (all London Leopards), S Baker, T Gordon, M Payne (all Berningham Bullett, P Caninger (Manchester Garis), R Huggins (Shefield Sharks), P Scantiebury (Thames valley Tigers).

League breakaway threat recedes

CATHERINE RILEY

The Football League survived the latest threat to its future last night, when the 24 First Division clubs backed away from mass resignation. Norwich, Crystal Palace and Oldham had led the protests, after the League's extraordinary general meeting in London had thrown out a proposal which would have given the top-flight clubs a greater say in the running of League affairs.

All but three of the First Division clubs bad earlier abstained when chairmen voted through proposals relating to the new five-year £125m deal with Sky TV. That lucrative contract - a lifeline for many clubs would have been worthless had Ron Noades, the Palace chair-

persuaded the clubs to band in their ootice to quit the League before tomorrow's deadline.

The clubs had gone into emergency session immediately after the EGM, but Noades, Ian Stott of Oldham and Norwich's Robert Chase had trouble convincing many of their fellow chairmen to take such drastic action. After three hours, the League president, Gordon McKeag, was told the resigna-tion threat had been removed.

The decision brought relief for the 48 members of the Second and Third divisions, with the Bradford chairman, Geoffrey Richmond, claiming: "The mod-erate clubs in the First Division have won the day, A breaksway would have scuppered the Sky deal and made the future of our clubs extremely bleak."

McKeag said that he hopes man, and his fellow hardliners clubs will "start the New Year

Three more for Blades

new recruits to five in his first 16 days as Dave Bassett's successor at Bramail Lane, writes

David White, the former der Kendall at Manchester City, became one of the First Diviwhen he agreed to a £500,000 move from Leeds. White had played three times on loan for the Blades.

Chris Short, a full-back and brother of Everton's Craig. armed from Notts County - an- Monday's derby with Wolves.

Howard Kendall signed three more players for Sheffield United yesterday, taking the total of Rogers going the opposite way. Rogers going the opposite way. United receive a cash adjustment of £30,000.

Kendall's other signing, the 37-year-old former England midfielder Gordon Cowans, Englandstriker who served un- joined from Wolves on a free transfer. The Celtic striker Andy Walker is also a £250,000 target.

the former Barnet striker Gary Bull, whom they borrowed from Nottingham Forest last term, on loan until the end of the season. He is likely to make his debut against his cousin, Steve Bull, in united together and with a joint will to make the League even stronger than it is today.

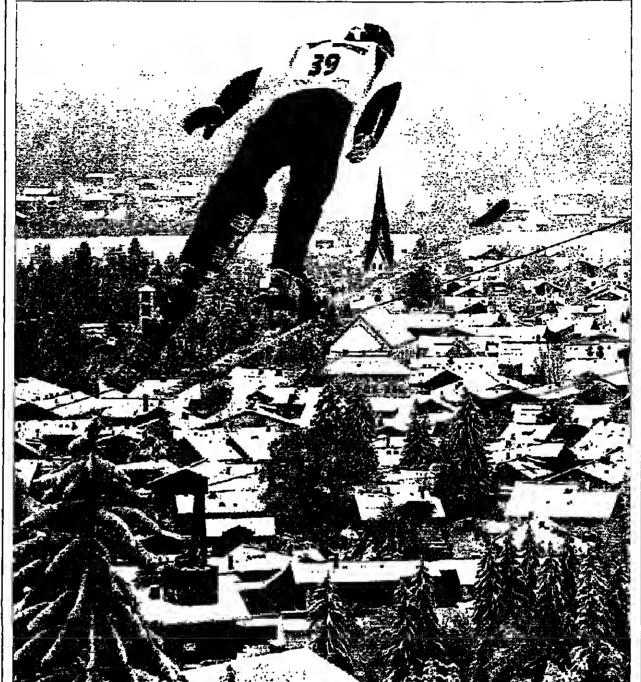
There have been protracted discussions and negotiations. Those have been productive and will continue, and I have every confidence that notices of provisional resignation will not be handed in before the deadline," he said. "There will be further discussions about a number of issues, but we have reached agreement about two or three issues.

The proposal wanted the First Division to be allocated 50 per cent of places on the League's board of directors. McKeag said: "We have given no assurances, but we have undertaken to consider the whole question of representation at

our next meeting."

Ironically, only three First
Division clubs voted on the cashsplit proposal, which will mean many of them receive over £1m a year from next season. The club which finishes top of the First Division will get a basic £891,200 and the bottom side £631,300.

Sky will screen 60 games live on Friday nights and Sunday lunchtimes, with the Second Division clubs collecting between £365.088 and £302.712 each and those in the Third from £235,312 to £211,055. Around £35m will be distributed to clubs - but that would have been in doubt had the First Division clubs resigned. midfielder, has joined Norwich City on a month's loan and goes straight into the side for today's home game with Reading. Bolton are giving a trial to Ralph Haselhüttel, a 28-year-old Austria and Casino Salzburg striker.



Rising Finn: Kimmo Savolainan, of Finland, appears to soar above the Alpine resort of Oberstdorf yesterday in preparation for today's Four Hills ski-jumping tournament Photograph: Wolfgang Rattay/Reuter

semi-final on ice

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

The Regal Trophy semi-final between St Helens and Warring-ton has been postponed until next Thursday after Saints bowed to the inevitable and called off today's game. Temperatures down to minus

12 degrees defeated the covers

at Knowsley Road and the refusal of Wigan police to allow the match to be switched at short notice to Central Park's heated pitch left no other alternative. "We could have waited until the morning of the game, but it

was better to make the decision now," Saints' chief executive, David Howes, said. The club still hopes to host the New Year's Day match

against Leeds before they meet Warrington on Thursday. The delay in the semi-final could help Saints to get some of their injured players, in-cluding the Great Britain forward, Chris Joynt, back into action. However, other longterm casualties, such as Paul Newlove and Anthony Sullivan. are unlikely to be fit in time.

League inquiry on Friday into the weakened team they fielded at Wigan on Boxing Day.

A side containing only one first team regular were beaten 58-4 and, despite claiming to have medical evidence to cover all the absentees, Saints have been called before the League's board of directors to explain their selection. Saints' league match against

Warrington has now been put back from next Friday to Sun-day. The game between Sheffield Eagles and Bradford Bulls will now be the televised Friday night match. There will be at least one

match on New Year's Day, whatever happens to the weather in the meantime. Bradford and Halifax have switched their game postponed on Boxing Day from Odsal to the Alfred McAlpine Stadium in Huddersfield, which has undersoil

heating. Workington have signed the amateur international Ian Devlin from the Barrow-based nonleague club Walney Central. The 22-year-old second row chose the Derwent Park club ahead of Oldham, Warrington and Salford.

Freeze puts Saints' Ngugi prepares to face challenge of Denmark

Athletics MIKE ROWBOTTOM

The icy conditions at Durham for today's Bupa International Cross-Country Challenge may remind John Ngugi of the snowy day in Boston three years ago when he collected a record fifth world title. It is, however, likely to be cold comfort for the 33-year-old Kenyan who has returned to action this year after serving the best part of a con- ing has been compromised by troversial four-year ban for re-

fusing to take a drug test. He has been training hard, and is back to his racing weight of just over 10 stone. Ngugi, who was due to fly to Newcastle from London last night, will face more than adverse weather conditions over 9.3km on the Aykley Heads course this afternoon, assuming

the weather does oot worsen. Among his challengers are Assefa Mezgebu, Ethiopia's world junior champion, Vincent Rousseau. Belgium's European 10,000m silver medallist, and the best of British. Andrew Pearson, bronze medallist from the European Championships in nearby Alnwick earlier this month, Paula Radcliffe: Major test

has the consistency to make a major impact. the increasing demands of the European Studies degree which major impact. Paul Evans, second in the New

York marathon, has dropped out with flu, but the conditions - reported as "rock solid" - may favour Rob Denmark. The Commonwealth 5,000m champion hates mudbaths; he will not get one today. "I'm not recognised as a cross-country runner he said yesterday, "but I think I might surprise a few people." Paula Radcliffe's recent train-

she will complete next year.

She has not raced competitively since a road relay event in October, but this outing in Durham - over 5.2km - should not end as her last did, when she staggered in a tearful 18th. having faded in the final stages of what was her first major test after a longstanding foot injury. Her main rivals then - multiple world silver medallist Cathe-

rina McKiernan and Olympic 10.000m champion Derartu Tulu of Ethiopia - are not present, but Radeliffe will have her work cut out to match Tulu's compatriot Gete Wami, who was fifth in the last World Championships, Zahra Oaziz of Morocco, a hronze medallist in the 5.000m at the championships, and the eastern European pair Lyudmila Borisova of Russia and Elena Fidatov of Romania.

Alison Wyeth, who limped out of the championships, also returns to international action and Liz Talbot, Radcliffe's Bedford and County club-mate, will be seeking to consolidate her 10th place in the European Championships earlier this month.

North harried by hot-shot Hannah

Hockey BITT COFMITT

Natalie Hannah, Sutton Canada Life's 17-year-old striker. scored four times as Midlands overran North 6-1 on the second day of the Under-21 Territorial Championship at the Aurora Sports Club, Rotherham, vesterday. As the high scoring of the

first day's play continued, Midlands and the defending champions, East, the only two Territories to have won this championship in its 10-year history, remained dominant. Their encounter this afternoon is certain to decide the destiny of this year's title. Incredibly, play started on

time as the Aurora groundstaff created a green oasis in the midst of arctie, snow-clad Rotherham. East were the first to show their paces with a classy 5-0 win against the North, Canterhury's Melanie Clewlow collecting a hat-trick and Purdev Miller scoring twice. East, in their second game.

met a resolute West and had to he satisfied with a 2-0 win. Goals from Gail Mitchell followed good work down the right wing by Kirsten Bowden and a penalty corner strike from Clewlow.

Midlands' progress had been the more spectacular with the fast-moving Sarah Blanks, Hannah and Louisa Turney, who scored three times against the South, posing all the problems - ably supported by the allaction performance from the captain. Lucy Newcombc.

Newcombe and Jennie Bimson completed the scoring in the 5-1 rout of South, for whom Charlotte Manchester claimed a consolation. In the last game of the day

the performance of Hannah must have warmed the heart of the Great Britain coach. Sue Slocombe, in the appreciative crowd. With Hannah and Blanks taking intelligent advantage of the experimental nooffside rule, it was nearly one-way traffic and Midlands never looked back, following Hannah's first-minute goal.

The only disappointment for Midlands was the loss of Newcombe in the second half with a facial injury, but she is expected to be fit for today's Midlands v East decider.

First tour win for West Indies

The West Indies captain, Richie Richardson, steered his side to the first win of their Australian tour with a seven-wicket defeat of a Queensland XI in a oneday match in Toowoomba yes-

Richardson's unbeaten 75 came from 84 deliveries after the young Oueenslanders set a target of 238. Richardson was was helped in the chase by Phil Simmons' innings of 91.

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Darts Roland Scholten, a 30-year-old Dutch publican from The Hague, won the British Open Darts championship by besting

Bob Taylor of Scotland in two straight sets in the final in London yesterday. Lest month Taylor had beaten the Dutchman easily in the European Grand Masters in Schotlen's home town. Stritish OPEN (Earls Court): Men's singles quarter-finale (best of three sets): R Schotlan (Neth) the Clark (lend) 2-0; P Dogget (London) tit R Bamevels (Neth) 2-1; B Taylor (Sco) th R Bands (Lanc) 2-1; Ming (Nothis) to P Hogen Hants 2-1. Final: Schotlan it Taylor 2-0. Semi-finals Schotlan to Dogget 2-0; Taylor to Hung 2-1. Women's singles acmi-finals (best of final lags): D Hedrinan (Ease) the Horst (Earl 3-1; P Dyer (Mutdol to T Winglet (London) 3-0. Final (best of five lags): D Hedrinan 3-2. VERNICHS POOLS WORLD CHARPOUSEN IP (Claras Tawers, Purificel) Thursday's late results: Group Cee. 6 Verific (US) to I Huney (Sco) 2-2. Enroup Sevent S Brown (US) at G Stocklart (Eng) 3-2. Proposition (Eng) to Shale (Eng) S-2. Group Eight: E Bristow (Eng) to R Gentrer (Eng) 3-2. Group Eight: E Bristow (Eng) to R Gentrer (Eng) 3-2.

Josy Farieto, who trained several champ-lors and prepared Buster Mathis Jinr for his fight against Miter Tyson, died on Wednesday after suffering a stroke on Christmas Eve. Farietio was 58.

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The Grentford striker Paul Abrahams is returning to Colchester United on a month's loan, He left in a £30,000 deal 18 months ago.

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Speedway Premier League Cradley Heath are set to make a temporary move to Stoke as Dudley Wood, the Birmingham club's base for the last 48 years, has been

Sporting awards

Britain's Jonathan Edwards yesterday col-lected his fourth major award of the year champions 1995 by the French sports daily, / Equipe. Edwards — who has won the Daily Express, BBC and IAAF awards — also came third in an Italian sports

Swimming

The 21-year-old Russian diver, yelena Miroshina, a siver medallist at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, has been found dead in mystonous circum-stances. Her body was found at the foot of the Moscow apartment bloshe lived on the rinth floor, but it is un-clear when or how she died.

FOURTH TEST: Russell and Cork put the game in the balance as spirit and swing forces South African collapse

Battling England refuse to lie down

Cricket

DEREK PRINGLE reports from Port Elizabeth S Africa 428 and 162-9 dec England 263 and 20-0

After four days, this match still refuses to throw up a clear-cut front-runner, leaving the series similarly open. But if most of the cricket so far has followed a dull path muddled by the weather. yesterday's play would have confounded even the most seasoned predictors, as England fought back tenaciously, a howler short, to limit South Africa and keep their eventual lead of 327 within range.

At the close, England were 20 without loss, needing a further 308 for victory and, unusually in the modern era, all outcomes are still possible, providing today's weather holds line. However, at the start of play, England's prospects were far from sunny, and their best chance of saving this Test match was to still be batting by lunch. They were not,

To win it. South Africa had to he bowling at them by the close; which they were, but not with the kind of unsurpassable lead their cautious captain would have liked in order to winkle out England on this docile pitch.

However, although Ladhrokes are quoting the draw at 8-15 favourite - they clearly believe South Africa can kill the game should England, who are 12-1 to win, start to get on top - the home side at 6-4, could still force a win, particularly if they can get Atherton and two others out by lunch. Their new combination of pace and probe is not to be underestimated, and Adams, in particular, will he a handful should his googlies begin to hire.

So far there has not been much evidence of that, although Adams did add to his overnight tally when he howled Peter Martin off the inside edge. He finished his first innings of Test cricket with figures of 3 for 75. a marvellous effort from 37 overs of whole-hearted effort.

England, who had been so indehted to Russell and Illingworth the previous day, lost both them and Martin, in the space of 14 balls, leaving South Africa with ficult to squander on this track, even by England's standards.

But squander it they did as first Martin and then Cork sent their early hatting packing, English swing combining with South African uncertainty to produce a cocktail of calamity for the home side.

The collapse began as early as the second over of the innings when Andrew Hudson, so often a diffident figure with the bat. chased a wide half-volley, only to see Russell take a good div-replay.



Hat-trick: England wear a uniform look as they await the third umpire's verdict on the stumping of Daryll Cullinan yesterday

ing eatch in front of first slip. Six overs later Hansic Cronje did likewise, obligingly following the swing. The hall ran to Rus-Then came the crucial wick-

et of Daryll Cultinan, the one player with enough strokes to put the game out of England's reach. Bowling over the wicket. Illingworth frustrated the batsman into an injudicious mow from well outside leg stump. His back foot was only lifted for a moment, but Russell whipped the bails off, confident his man had not regained his ground, an assertion confirmed by the third umpire after a TV

Russell, who is having a good series with the bat, is having an even greater one with the gloves and, when he later caught his moved within one of equalling Alan Knott's England record of 34 dismissals in a series. His proportion of 23 victims out of 48

wickets taken so far is far greater than Knotl's. But if Russell has been an ever-willing performer for his team, so too has Dominic Cork. who bowled unchanged for 20 overs from the Duck Pond End. After a loose opening spell, he precipitated a mid-afternoon collapse by taking 3 for 0 in 16 balls. In all, he and Illingworth

bowled 48.5 of the 65 and a bit sion and negation, Kirsten and overs bowled.

However, despite this setback, where they lost four wickonly nine runs, South Africa then batted themselves into a position, almost safe enough for Cronje to contemplate all-out attack before the close.

Once again, the home side owed much to the lenacity of their opener, Gary Kirsten, who nudged and cut his way to 69, the second time he had passed fifty in the match. While the more glamorous strokeplayers appoared nonplussed and stroke-less against England's provocative mixture of aggres-

the No 7, Shaun Pollock, kept the scoreboard ticking along after fea with a partnership of 66.

second spell, Atherton had a five-man leg-side field. He stationed two men on the boundary's edge, one fine, the other at deep hackward square, and had a mid-wicket, a mid-on and a leg slip, checkily posted to prevent any delicate touches. He then ordered Cork to direct his bowling accordingly.

If it did not possess the malevolence of leg theory used during the Bodyline series of 1932/33 - when the whole of Australia was awash with out-

rage - it did bring another cu- sy. Clive Lloyd quickly defused he promptly called a wide when Cork again pushed one deliberately down the leg side to Pollock. It was a decision that Atherton immediately took the

unmire to task over. At the time, it appeared as if Mitchley had attempted onfield punitive action under the catch-all Law 42.2, which states that: "The umpires are the sole judges of fair and unfair play." Unfortunately in this case, the law gives him no such power. and sensing another controver-

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lev. Having already spoken umpire had called the wide Huddersfield to play Bradford,
twice to Atherton and Cork simply because he felt the bias. Wolverhampton's all-weathm could not reach the ball. | er If that is the case, England will he keen to see the same judgment applied to the increasing

number of balls that will start to

pass over their heads, should

Stewart and Atherton still be there at lunch today. Australia in control, page 21

Cold puts weekend fixtures on ice

NICK DUXBURY

The freeze has taken its ex-pected toll of the sporting weekend, with temperatures so low that even today's all-weather to provide betting shops with much needed action - looks in

danger of cancellation.

The cold hit even harder than on Boxing Day as most of the day's football and rugby matches were called off and turf racing ruled out completely for the fifth day in succe

Three Premiership, five End-sleigh League First Division, 10 Second Division and nine Third Division matches were called off 24 hours before kick-off. Only 19 out of 46 matches were still on with widespread snow and frost expected overnight.

The highest-profile casualties were Aston Villa v Sheffield Wednesday, Southampton v Manchester City and leaders Newcastle United's visit to West Ham United. The three Premiership grounds do not have undersoil heating.

Scotland has been even harder hit, with 17 out of 20 matches postponed. The Premier division leaders Rangers and First Division Dundee United - the only teams able to host a match on Boxing Day - are again in action. They are joined by Third Division Queen's Park, who host Ross County at a heated Hampden Park. The non-League programme

has been decimated, along with

rugby union's schedule of ague and friendly matches. All of England's Courage League First Division matches are off. as well as three out of five in Wales. In rugby league, St He-lens and Warrington's Regal Trophy semi-final game, due to be televised live by BBC, has been moved to next Thursday. More fooball and rugby matches over the long holiday weekend are sure to follow: with Halifax rugby league already, postponing their New Year's Day home clash with Oldham and instead travelling to the new of racing today, but even syn-there Fibresand may not be able

to beat record temperatures. Racing, due to be staged in the afternoon and evening, was yesterday described as hopeful rather than certain"...

Fixtures, page 20

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-1-3-0 (rb1) tone spet each). Implies: S A Bucknor and C J Minchley.

Bowling tactics deliver new controversy

England were accused of nega-tive tactics last night as the fourth Test was hit by fresh controversy. Dominic Cork, having pushed South Africa to the hrink of collapse at 69 for 6, resoned to bowling down the legside while Gary Kirsten and Shaun Pollock tried

to set up a declaration. Cork was eventually called for a wide hy Cyril Mitchley - and that sparked a debate between the 57-year-old umpire and the England captain. Mike Atherton. Mitchley said that he had signalled a wide simply because he thought it was out of Pollock's reach. But the decision had been coming for some time - and that

delivery looked no further down the legside than several others. The umpire spoke to Ather-ton after two balls during Cork's

previous over had given Kirsten little chance of making contact. "Maybe it's a good idea, but it just seems like negative cricket to me." said Kirsten after close of play, when asked about England's ractics. "I haven't seen it happen too often. You would think maybe they would have wanted to bowl us out," he said.

Bub Woolmer, the South Africa coach, added: "It's not the greatest part of the game of cricket hut, given the situation, I can understand why it was

being done." Asked if his team would use the same tactics, Woolmer said: "I hope not, no."

We had to try not to give them boundaries," Cork said. You try to make the hatsman work hard for his runs by bowling near his legs. All the umpire said was that if I bowled consistently down the legside he could call a wide. I tried then

to mix it up.

Kirsten admitted that the first part of the South African second innings had gone wrong.
"But it was always our plan to get 170-180 runs with about 10 overs remaining - we just didn't expect to be nine wickets down."

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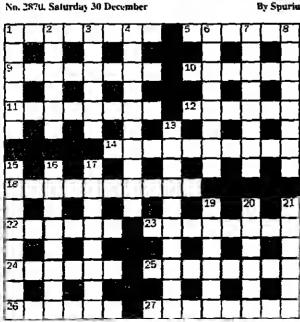
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ACROSS

- Greek character taking possession of a He-bridean island, backward place (S)
- Simple life, confined to a cell? (6) A receiving apparatus Scotsman's installed to give warning (8)
- 10 Advantage keeping most of landscape to 11 Conservatives accepting ambassador's ideas
- (8) Waterproofing agent it's about to be used
- in raincoat (6)

 14 Applauded off, unterly exhausted (7-3)
- 18 Bet address contains ambiguities (6-4)
 22 Young bird, swallow nursing broken leg (6)
 23 Boasts extravagantly about introduction of extra strong fire retardant (8) 24 Small group from Egypt welcomed into trish
- parliament [6) Sacrifice both came to misinterpret (8) 26 To control staff takes time (6)
- 27 Rush to see male record overturned in

Friday's solution



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- Expects carol-singers by afternoon (6) Flexible part of field gun (6) False report about a new plastic (6) Market in centre of new estate is marked
- out in squares (10) Nice people, some of them? (8) Inadequate notice to cover the French poll
- Give up one's seat to the next person in 13 A shortened telescope adapted to catch last
- of moon's shimmering? (10)
 15 A little hesitation about study featured in
- theologian's supplement (8)
 Metal key fined under barrel on gun (8)
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- 19 Stay composed, and take the wind out of
- people's sails? (6)

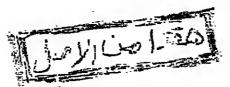
 20 Ordinary seaman breaking old connection, being redundant (6)
- 21 States ballet, oddly, to be of practical value?

Last Saturday's solution

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INSIDE STORIES

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- The oddest material on which to write a diary must surely be that used by an Italian peasant woman. It was a sheet - not the A4 but the linen bed variety - which she covered with long lines of tiny handwriting and edged with poems in red ink

PICTURE STORY .. 2 INTERVIEWS3 SHOPPING 4-6

BOOKS 8-9 GARDENING 10 COUNTRY11 TRAVEL 12-16 3 'I want to lock up more criminals than any other sheriff. or police chief in America. At the moment I'm number six, but I'm determined to make number one'

A man was charged with attempted robbery after allegedly brandishing a leek at an NCP car park official. No money was handed over and a Carmarthen man with a leek in a Tesco bag was later taken into custody

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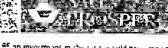
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You feel like an extra-terrestrial,' says Martin Brammer, veteran New Year's Eve cabble. 'They behave as if you don't exist. The thiogs I've seen. Not just snogging, far more. Sometimes it gets to where you have to intervene, otherwise you'd get arrested. Then when you say something, they look amazed'



'New Year's Eve always involves fancy dress. I remember one year, I was sent to pick up a perty dressed as clowns. A mini-cab had been for them but they had sent it back and had asked for a London cab instead, because they couldn't get their massive feet in anything else



'And once I bad a bloke dressed as a crocodile, with an enormous papier maché head. We cooldn't work out how to fit him in, so in the end I drove him to the pub with his head sticking



'People act like you're not there, so you hear all sorts. Girls are the worst, their talk about what they're going to get up to, it's far worse than men. Sometimes I think I'll drop them off at the party, park the cab, go in and hope they pick me up and do it to me'



'You always get rows. Usually, no always, it's the feller has been eyeing up some one else and he gets the ear-bashing the moment they're in the cab. I've had

I HAD THAT NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE BACK OF MY CAB ONCE



'I had regular New Year's Eve fares, always took them to the same place every time. This couple, lovely folk, went to a party every year in a church hall where there wasn't any forniture. It wasn't a bring-a-bottle party, it was a bring-a-chair party'

s these pictures show, it is an odd, nether world taxi drivers inhabit on New Year's Eve. For the. Apast seven years, Martin Brammer, from Halifax in Yorkshire, has found himself first-stepping into a festive twilight zone. "Even though you're surrounded by people out and about in a jovial mood," he says, "you're very much on your own. And come midnight, you're absolutely alone. You're sal there in your cab and nothing happens. The biggest party of the year's taking place and you just sit there, outside, waiting for it to end. You drop your last fare at about five to 12 and then the old folks who don't really want to stay up at all but just feel they have to, so want to get to bed as soon as possible, start to bire you about 10 past. Then you're working solid until the morning. But for 15 minutes in between, sitting in your cab out on the street, everything slops. The

world goes dead. You cease to exist. It's surreal." Martin, as a self-employed driver, has always volunleered to drive on New Year's Eve because, frankly, the tips are good. "When they've had a drink," be says, "they don't realise how much they're tipping you. The fare's £9.78, they give you a £20 note and say, 'keep the change'. You say: 'It's a 20 not a tenner.' And they say: 'Yeah?' The biggest tip I got on New Year's Eve was £40 from a fellow I picked up outside a casino. He'd just won four and a half grand. Then there's the woman I pick up every year, com-pletely unconscious from the pub, take her home, carry her to her door, fish around for her keys, take her upstairs, put her to bed, post the keys through the letter-box. She's always very generous when we settle up later."

The big question the New Year's Eve taxi driver asks himself before he picks up a fare, however, is this: are they a puker? "You can usually tell by the way they hold themselves," says Martin. "I suggest a bit of fresh air before we start. Most parties I pick up have someone hanging out the window, but I guess



I've had no more than a dozen actually throwing up inside the cab. I never charge them extra, to be honest. Most people have spent up for the night and wouldn't have another £25. Besides, that's the beauty of a London cab. Plastic floor, plastic seats. I take it to an all-night garage with a jet wash, hose it down, dry it with a towel I keep in the boot for the purpose and I'm back on the road in 25 minutes."

This year, though, Martin will have no need to remove the seasonal deposits: he has given up driving and now sells Ferraris. For the first time in years, he will be out among the celebrating hordes, not the one left alone in the cold. "I booked the cab," he says. "Back in September."

> Pictures by Amanda Crowther Story by Jim White

THIS WEEKEND WHY NOT...

READ The History

England



At just 14 pages, this small, but perfectly formed history of this sceptr'd isle as written by Hampshire's liveliest teenager, Jane Austen, is nothing short of a miracle. Who wants Keith Michel dabbling in divorce as Henry VIII or Glenda Jackson's shaven-headed Elizabeth R when you can curl up with this monstruisty opinionated and beautifully misspelt classic. It is safe to predict that Andrew Davies will not put Colin Firth (either in or out of his britches) on screen in a lavish EDC dramatisation of this little-known delight, but that should not deter you from purchasing this deliciously partisan analysis of the monarchy from Henry IV to Charles I. How unlike the homelife of our own dear Queen (above).

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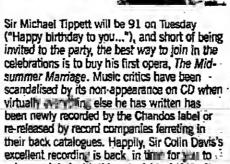
SEE The Duchess of Malfi



This time last year, the hottest ticket in town was unquestionably the Cheek by Jowl all-male As You Like It, a staggeringly accomplished piece of direction, design and ensemble playing, both genuinely hilarious and extraordinarily moving. This year they're back again, but comedy has given way to Webster's magnificent tragedy, The Duchess of Malfi. The title role is played by Anastasia Hille (above), who proved her mettle with a striking Isabella in Measure for Measure with the same company. Whatever you do, don't wait for the reviews. The show is on for just four weeks and by the time everyone else wakes up to the fact that this leading British company is here, the tickets will be 'arer than hen's teeth. Reports from the world

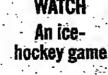
tour are glowing. The Duchess of Malfi, Wyndham's Theatre, London WC2 (0171-369 1736)





their back catalogues. Happily, Sir Colin Davis's excellent recording is back in time for wall to get acquainted with this astonishingly lyrical work before booking tickets for Graham Vick's breathlessly awaited new-production at Coverit. Garden, which opens on 16 January. If all you've ever heard is the suite of Ritual Dances, you're in for a magnificent surprise.

The Midsummer Marriage' is on the Lyrita label





Some sports were made for home entertainment. Who wants to queue for hours at Wimbledon only to get neck-ache from too much head-swivelling when the game is so fantastic on TV? With ice hockey it's another story. The puck zios across the ice so fast you're hard pushed to see it on the screen. No. You have to see it live. Only there can you expenence the sheer speed and raw power of the game, not to mention the blood and guts as the well-upholthemselves into motorway-scale pile-ups, much to the delight of the screaming, family-filled crowds. It's highly Americanised, with cheesy organ music, and though you may be an ice hockey virgin, can you think of missing the Slough-Jets vs the Basingstoke Bisons?

The Ice Arena, Montem Lane, Slough 6.30pm (01703 821555)

CELEBRATE Edinburgh's **Hogmanay**



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We may be undergoing a genuine, Bing Crosby-esque white Christmas, but nothing should deter you from heading for Edinburgh, the city that knows how to do New Year prop. erly. It may be more famous for its summer festival and Momingside ladies taking tea in Jenney, but this worken a sees it hosting Exrope's biggest New Year celebrations. There were more than half a million people there last year and this year's five day festival plans to best that record with a torch light procession. spectacular open-air concerts, a grand-scale street-theatre extravaganza, a cellidh; a champagne ball and fireworks all over the city at midnight. Oh, and tonight Gary Glitter plays the Princes Street Gardens. Be there and be part of his forthcoming TV special.

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interviews of the year

The seven deadly sins (celebrity version)

You ask them what you want to know, they tell you what they want you to know. Rarely does the interview achieve the intimacy of the confessional. But look back through a year of Independent interviews and you'll discover, as David Benedict did, that the devil lies in the detail



Peter Ustinov on performing -For me it's a more cerebral and certainly more

kd lang I hardly ever listen to music.

Joanna Lumley I'm about as ambitious as a dish of water.

Andy Kershaw on John Peel How can you not adore somebody whose entry for interests in Who's Who reads: 'Staring out of the window?

Carrie Fisher I hate exercise but I love talking.

Paul McCartney You do know I don't read music, don't yon?

I have never bad guilt pangs about paying a woman to clean my dirty bath. Michael Dobbs on getting a job at Saatchi and Saatchi from Tim Bell

I asked him if he could suggest someone who might give me a job for a lot of money and not much work and be said, 'I will'.

Gillian Taylforth in response to allegations that she had oral sex in a lay-by

What kind of people did they think we were that we would stop on a major slip road for sex? I was still recovering from a Caesarean birth and was coming down with flu. Besides any of that, Geoff was throwing up. Sean Penn

Women are the bane of my life but I always fall

Jenny Eclair on being at an all-girls school Everyone had crushes on the two male teachers, even though they had lichen round their flies.

There are no sexual fantasies in my pictures. Helena Bonham Carter on Woody Allen I was amazed, when I read the script, that I was playing his wife. I thought, 'Well, you've got a

Anne Diamond on being an unmarried mother I thought: everyone else in the office is doing it. Adrian Edmondson

fantasy and a half. But then, on his scale, I'm

geriatric and over the hill.

I think it is most men's dream to live a shagbappy, drinking, guilt-free life.

People say there's a danger that seeing so many films will handicap you. But admiring, having dinner with, speaking to many beautiful girls does not discourage you from making love. William Burroughs on being called a dirty old man I wish I was a dirtier old man. I'm ashamed to go 24 hours without thinking about sex.

WRAIH

If Louisa May Alcott had really been sound. she'd have written a trilogy, and called the last

one Divorced Lesbian Sluts. Justin de Villeneuve on the collapse of a projected

If only I'd been allowed to sit down with the bloke. then, well: crash, bang, wallop, two kippers and a bon-bon, how's your father, done and dusted.

It's a shame, but with a few rare exceptions, American movies are revolting

Patsy Kensit on author Nick Homby writing about I bope I bump into him again, because if I do, I'm going to headbutt him.

Alan Plater on being forced to cast Alan Bates in

It's not a negotiating stance at all. It's like being consulted by Vlad on bow you'd like to be

Paul O'Grady on being Lily Savage Lily gets in the way. I play second fiddle to her

all the time. I sometimes come into my flat, and there's a leopardskin handbag on the floor, and a pair of her sboes and an old coat - and it's like living with some boozy old barmaid who's trashed the place. I think, 'Slag!' and start muttering about her under me breath.

Shaun Ryder (formerly of Happy Mondays) Even from being 10 or 11 I was amazed by the effect the word 'fuck' could have in the middle of a pie shop.

Michael Parkinson

The only thing I was ever remembered for was being attacked by a fucking emu.

Robert Altman The threat of Aids has made people more con-servative, more cautious. It's also made masturbation far more popular than it's ever been.

I'll give Tony Blair a "sound bite"! I'll run right across the floor of the House of Commons, sideswipe the Master of Arms, and take a bite out of one of his copious ears; then we'll hear the leader of the Labour Party really sound off. I think that's what it'll take to get an authentic noise out of this poetaster of the glib, this walking autocue in a sensible suit.

Stephen Fry shortly before abandoning Cell Mates owing, allegedly, to bad reviews

It's like opening a piece of used lavatory paper, reading newspapers, just so unpleasant, the smell. I'm sure all sorts of unpleasant things have been said about me in the past year, but the great thing is I don't know about them.

When they call you articulate, that's another way of saying. 'He talks good for a black guy'. Gilbert & George

Gilbert: If we don't like someone we do our double act. George: We can clear a dinner table in 10

Sheriff Joe Arpaio I want to lock up more criminals than any other sheriff or police chief in America. At the moment I'm No 6, but I'm determined to make No I. Donna McPhail

I hate Winona Ryder with all my heart. Camille Paglia on young American actresses
They're all little whelks, indistinguishable from
each other. They all have this winsome quality they mistake for acting.

Victoria Wood

If theatre isn't life-enhancing, what's the point of it? To make your bottom sore? Julie Christie They call me a recluse. I really object! Is it be**GLUTTONY**

Gérard Depardieu

Wine leads to everything.

I had my stomach pumped. It was a fairly graph-

[Archbishop Runcie] told me I liked wine,

women and song too much and that my face was

more appropriate in the pub than in the pulpit.

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ic illustration that my way wasn't working.

cause I don't have children? Because I live in I don't understand why idiotic Tories don't understand that artistic competition is important.

But then they'd sooner have no art at all.

It just taught me to be a delinquent, I never had

any reason to be responsible for myself, and that's why I was drunk for 10 years of my life. Keith Richards on being raided by the police in 1967

It's difficult to forget, with 10 people in a room coming down off LSD, and looking out the window, hearing a knock on the door and sayin'. There are some funny little midgets outside,

AVARICE

Sir Richard Rogers, architect, on being asked how Too much, probably.

Demi Moore on her \$12m paycheck

I'm grateful that the producers were willing to show their faith in what I would contribute to the film by paying me the money. It was not only showing a belief in me but in all women.

Ted Honderich, philosopher, on why he took on editing the Oxford Companion to Philosophy First I thought it would increase my fame, seeond I thought I'd get a lot of money, and third, I thought I could do it on the side.

Some say. 'You don't have any mundane details about everyday life in your books', and I say, 'No, because nobody would read them'.

Jessica Mitford on her book about undertakers It was such hijss when all the undertakers came out with virulent attacks - and so great for sales.

Of course, when there was a shoe fair, they would insist on giving me pairs.

ENVY

Wayne Fontana, Sixties pop singer

I just don't know what h is that makes the Stones more popular than Wayne Fontana and the Mindbenders. If you knew what it was you could tap into it. I mean, who's popular now? Oasis - and what a bunch of arseholes they are.

Jim Crace is one of those writers for whom t have huge literary envy, simply because of what people write on the back of his books. It's what

Alan Bleasdale on Julie Walters Look, she can even make a Clorets' ad funny,

I'm not saving I'm the new Mozart, but I'm not trying to he the new Mozart, because Mozart didn't write words! Ha ha! Couldn't write 'em, could he? Wanker!

Academic at a Stoppard premiere That's why God made poets and novelists - so the rest of us could get published.

PRIDE

Sir John Drummond, ex-Proms director I'm not, perhaps, naturally a number two.

Bill McCartney, American Christian cult leader I don't mean to offend you, I'm just trying to explain that it's hard for us to talk on the same level because you don't have God's spirit.

Slash of Guns 'n' Roses I like to maintain a pseudo-humble level of existence. I didn't have aspirations to become a If you ask the majority of women who work, Would you work if you had a man who really loved you, who was really there for you, she'd tell you. 'No, I wouldn't work.' And that's the way it's meant to be.

Bob Monkhouse on Royal shows Checking that bloody box, sweating on whether

Prince Philip's cracked a smile is not my way of building a career. I've done my time on royals. I'm buggered if I'm going to put my arse on the line. Tony Mortimer of East 17 on whether he is frightened of talking about Intimate matters

Not since I found out that I've got a big dick. Frank Warren after being shot

I used to think I was God ... I don't go in for all that stuff now. Julio Iglesias on the sensuality of success

When I go on stage, my skin is 10 times more sensitive. I touch my body continuously because I don't believe it.

Darcus Howe on his interviewing technique That's how people discover things, by inquisition. I mean that in the inquisitive sense, not the Spanish Inquisition - that was a bit heavy.

Jane Horrocks on urinating on stage in Macbeth Sometimes there's only a little trickle and I think oh, that's a bit of a boring old piss tonight [assumes reviewer's voice] 'a disappointing piss'. But sometimes it comes flooding out like a horse. which is excellent, although the woman playing the gentlewoman gets a bit splattered on.

Lestey Garrett on Die Fledermaus It was a crazy, wonderful, visually extravagant evening of which my bottom was the sensation. I completely upstaged the whole thing.

which she doesn't really care for.

John Hegarty of Bartie Bogle Hegarty The Volkswagen campaign was to advertising what the Sistine chapel is to painting.

Jim Dale on playing Fagin in Oliver! You want depth? Read the book. Sir Georg Solti I can only do music one way. My way. Take it

or leave it. Ken Russell on Oliver Reed

He called me Jesus for obvious reasons. Gillian Armstrong

As one of the first women working in a man's world, I was supposed to be aggressive, stony and tough. But maybe I was actually just good. Marcet Marceau What I did as a one-man show throughout the

world, no one can do again in the 20th century. There is no better memory for an actress than to be called up by a director. To be elected. To

have someone say. I want you . It means that they dreamed of you and thought about you for days and days and days. Arthur Miller

I like to be around anyone who enjoys my speeches. Felicity Kendal on appearing naked in Indian Ink I'm not a great flasher obviously, but I'm not

Virginia Bottomley, three weeks before the Government announced a 3 per cent cut in Arts funding There will be no cuts in government spending on the arts. The lottery is not an alternative to

government funding. Terry Hands to Georgina Brown Why did you choose journalism? You were ob-

viously a nice person once. Additional research by Rachel Halliburton

Illustration by Chris Priestley









Did you buy something totally pointless in the sales? Then you may need professional help. By Serena Mackesy

country, have probably spent a good deal of the last month grumhling about the hell of shopping for Christmas: those hours spent in overcrowded, overheated environments spending like there was no tomorrow. And yet you have probably also quietly made sure that there is still a little bit of stretch left in your credit card, that free Saturday afternoon - this one, possibly that will allow you to indulge in another explosion of the feeding frenzy that is rampant consumerism.

Shopping is great fix, especially for some reason for women. This is possibly partly to do with the hunter-gatherer differences between the sexes. Men on the whole are more focused than women on individual tasks, preferring to perform one at a time to their satisfaction; women juggle. Thus, men, when they shop, shop with a particular target in mind and lose interest when it is attained, while women take pleasure in the shopping itself. A woman shopping will generally go to all the shops and look at everything; a man will go to Burtons and buy a shirt.

The act of huying, though, gives both sexes a sense of instant gratification and considerable pleasure. Many of us indulge that gratification regularly and without worry.

But this is not always the case. Consider the words of Lucy, 55; "I get with-

of the illogicality of human behaviour, one would hardly need to look further than the enthusiasm with which we embrace the January sales. You, like much of the rest of the You. Ilke much of the Oxford School of Management And we got Studies, published a paper on the sub-You. Ilke You of the Oxford School of Management And You. Ilke You of the Oxford School of Management And You of the O I don't need anything,' hut I can always see something."

Lucy is a member of a significant stice of society whose consumption has tipped over from normal gratification into addictive behaviour: shopaholics. if you like. A recent American study estimated that compulsive shopping patterns affect between 2 and 6 per cent of the population, 95 per cent of those affected being women. Although we are all capable of impulse huying, these people regularly purchase things for which they have little need or use - Lucy, for instance has four double wardrobes and an attic stuffed with never-worn clothes - and with little or no regard for the financial conse-

quences. Dr Richard Elliott, of St Anne's College, Oxford, says: "Of course, it's actually no different from ordinary shopping in other people. It's just so extreme in many dimensions. And, of course, one person's problem shopping is another person's 'well, if I can afford it...'. It's a problem in terms of the frequency with which it happens and the levels of debt that can built up. Without wishing to trivialise it, Imelda Marcos may have had a problem with the number of shoes she needed to buy.

but it wasn't a problem to her." Dr Elliott, together with Professor

f one were to look for an example drawal symptoms and feel depressed if the illogicality of human behaviour, one would hardly need to look in on a Saturday last week and went for of the Oxford School of Management of the Oxford School of Management of the Management of the Management of the Oxford School of Management of the Managemen addictive behaviour, shopping included, have roots in depression, loneliness, lack of a sense of fulfilment or childhood deprivations, but they were surprised to find, within these parameters, two very distinct types of compulsive shopper who they had not anticipated encountering. As well as those who need the frenzied fix of instant gratification to ward off their problems, there are also Revenge shop-pers, and what they have labelled Exis-

tential shoppers. The revenge shopper fails into a very distinct sociological grouping. They are women who married very young to professional men and are now in or nearing their forties. They feel that their husband is treating them as a young, unsophisticated person but that they have changed and developed and now have all kinds of justification for being treated in a different way. They cannot get it from their partner, and are quite consciously hitting at him through their behaviour," says Ellioti. "This is hard to call compulinition is not something that you can rationally control. These are not see it not as a haphazard rush round They are acting fully rationally. And

daughter, she married a man who while frequently absent himself indulges her sprees: "Well," he says, You were spoilt as a child and I suppose I will bave to continue the tradition." She feels that he doesn't acknowledge that she has matured during the course of their marriage with both motherhood and her own part-time career, but "I just can't get him to understand that I've changed -I just don't know what to do any more... [the shopping] is a way of getting back at him. I say, well, if you took more notice of me... then I wouldn't

have to do it, would I?" Another 51-year-old woman puts it this way: "I think I was a bit child-like when we married... but, of course, I've changed over the years - and I want more responsibility and ... well... respect, really, than I'm getting." A man's wallet, it seems, is often the only

place to hit where it really hurts. Lucy, meanwhile, is an Existential shopper. Says Elliott: These womeo have for some reason chosen shopping sive shopping, as compulsion by def- as a means of developing their skills see it not as a haphazard rush round women who cannot help themselves. the shops, but as a skilled and concentrated activity... what looks on the one can see when they describe their outside like a frenetic rush, madly get-

way of doing it."

a way a search for perfection. And a Rachel, a 38-year-old from the gives them a sense of self, too. A sense

control of it." Indeed, Lucy, who has often had to use savings to pay off credit cards and loans, has often bought "one of every colour" of an item of clothing. She once bought the entire Burberry range, and feels "a great sense of pride when I find that "perfect outfit" ... even though it ends up either in the loft or hanging unworn in a wardrobe. In the meantime, the stores abound

with tales of crazed consumption. Peter -Villasey of Harrods was a mine of hairraising stories. "This man came in: once in search of an alarm clock. We had an exhibition of antique clocks at the time, and he ended up speoding £250,000 in half an hour. Another customer came to buy china during the sale and walked out with £60,000 worth of crockery. None of it in the event marked down. But the best recently was the man who wanted a Christmas present for his son. He picked out a Sega Gamegear computer-game consot, which sell at around £100. Then he had it customised with gold and precious stones. It ended up costing £55,000."

Many Harrods customers, of course, are well equipped to afford such excesses. But what of less elevated mortals? Richard Elliott believes that credit one can see when they describe their outside like a frenetic rush, madly get-situations that they feel powerless to ting rid of money, was not that but was card companies have some measure of responsibility. "I don't honestly think

that having credit cards makes people go out shopping, but it is certainly a

funding for the current project, he "got a very sharp note back saying 'nothing to do with us. Why are you asking us in the first place?" Strange paranoia for such benevolent organisations.

So, is there help available for those suffering from this affliction? At the moment, no. The courts rarely, if ever, refer compulsive shoppers for treatment as they do those with gambling or alcohol problems. "They tend," said a pracntioner at London's psychotherapy Centre, "to see it as a moral problem rather than an emotional one. I've never heard of the courts suggesting therapy for debtors." Elliott, Gioiumay and Eccles wish, as part of their study, to set up a self-help group or groups. They currently have upwards of 200 people on their database, and would welcome approaches from others for whom any of this rings a bell. "Most of the people on our list," says Elliott, "have come forward out of a sense of desperation. They don't just want to be part of the survey. They want some belp."

> If you'd like to join the self-help. group, contact: Sue Eccles, School of Management Studies, University of Oxford, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford OX1 6ME (01865 228470/fax 01865 228471)



Why is everybody and his dog piling salerooms in the dead holiday

lo London auctions until next week, after the Christmas Threak: but at Christie's South Kensington this Tuesday, the empty silence of the salerooms will echo to the footfalls of specialists eager to hang their British and Continental pictures five days before viewing officially begins. Would-be buyers in the know will he welcome to a sneak preview.

The hols are a paradoxical time in the London auction houses: everybody assumes that everybody else will be away and that there will be bargains to be had. Result: everybody and his dog piles into the saleroom and bidding becomes lively. Last year, the British and Continental picture sale was not held until 18 January - by which time turkey had been long-forgotten and dealers were ensconced once more at their Morocco desks. It made a and intended for carpets. buoyant 87 per cent by value, 80

per cent by lot. These annual sales of mostly Victorian paintings are minor, in the £200-£3,000 range. This year's is on Thursday 11 January (10.30am). The auctioneers hope that after nine days of viewing instead of only four, and with scarcely any other views to visit,

demand will have built up steam. The star lots are 30 19th-century textile designs from Aubusson. France, famous for its Arcadian landscapes and floral patterns since the 17th century. This is the last of four selections from the same collection and the experience has been that they sell for half as much again as the estimate.

The designs for curtains, carpets, cushions, in bodycolour or oil, owe their style to textile technology - blocky forms separating patches of wool or silk of different monochromes. They have a trompe l'oeuil effect - paintings that look like tapestries. Presumally, one is expected to commit the solecism that British Victorian designers such as Owen Jones and Christopher Dresser warned against: banging on the wall flower designs viewed from above

There is a tantalising rummage lot: a roll of about 20 fragments of designs of various sizes, all unframed, and without estimate - meaning that less than £200 is got it right. expected. A picture framer might find these oddments a good hiv.

There is also an Alexis de Leeuwoil of a frozen river with fig-

ures and landscape. Very seasonal,

De Leeuw's work can sell for up to \$4,000 if in prime condition. This one is estimated only £800-£1,000 because of a restorer's over-enthusiastic "inpainting". That is, there is too much of the restorer's paint and not enough of the artist's. Even the signature has probably been tidivated, forcing the catalogue to resort to the description "attributed to".

You can pick up paintings in such sales for as little as £100. They are by unknowns, presumably amateurs, such as R. Falls, who painted Gibraliar Rock, lot 158, in 1893. The picture bears no estimate and is not considered worthy of an illustration, but if viewing convinces you that R. Falls wielded a handy hrush, get in there and bid. At least the auctioneers have a soft spot for the picture. These days, with the market struggling for recovery, even minor sales are "tight" and auctioneers try hard to avoid the stigma of trying to palm off dross. Use your eyes. They might have

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> > John Windsor

The novelty drinks guide

By Emily Green and Robin Crowther

year. Supermarkets, offlicenses and cash and carry outlets are all stocking alcoholised novelty drinks

aimed at the youth market. Though our request was for novelties to test, some wholesalers and retailers sent us samples of their more grown-up products. The contrast was extraordinary, and useful. Yes, we loved Theakston's Black Sheep Ale, the 21-year-old Sainsbury Royal Elgin whisky, and the 16-year-old Speyside. The 10-year-old tawny port was mellow and divine, and the vintage Dows sprightly and beautiful. How, we came to wonder, can the same shops that sell these stock apple wines dressed up as tequila

If you do not teach your cocktail spiked lemonade, Smirroff Moscow Mule: Its rustchildren to drink, they and various rather sinister may tearn themselves this candy drinks? Only the vodcoloured, metal-effect botkas, the chic new spirit of preference in the youth market, showed class. Notably, the Polmos Wodka Wyborowa Pure Grain is a beautifully made spirit. May in 1996 it be drunk with the dignity it deserves.

Novelty Drinks

Onescher: Strong ginger flavour, but with a chemically edge. Sinister to label booze "thirst quencher". looch Alcoholic Lemonade:

Nasty commercial lemonade spiked for juvenile Clear Beer:

delinquents. letts Lime described itself as "cold filtered". Pure cleaning fluid.

tle is a packaging crime. Drink tastes as if it involves ginger ale and Angostura bitters. Marks & Spencer Vodka Lemon and Tonic: Harsh, not a patch

on the real stuff. Saissbury's Piranta Alcoholic Lemonada, Inexcusable. Mrs Pucker's Citrus Brew: Foul-

tasting skoosh aimed at kiddie market. Entirely reprehensible.

Mrs Pucker's Alcoholic Grange: A melted Mr Man lolly. Nasty. Strang Cider Shock: Urine

soaked alley on the nose; very foul tasting too. Red Hot Stimmer: Comes in rocket-shaped, pocket-sized container that prompted n witty lady onlooker to inquire. "Does it come with batteries?"Aimed at kids

who want to sneak drinks. into dance halls. Chillis lend glowing warmth to aftertaste. Rather good. Cactus Jack Tequilla Shooter: More pickle in the pocket-

packaging. Rayers Mexican Sunrise: Acid yellow chemistry experiment. Cough medicine taste. Truly the worst of the

Vookas

Smirnoff Mellow Russian Vodka Black Label: Very drinkable. Has to be near and very

Polsnos Zubrowka Bison Brand Wodka: Composty. Polmos Wodka Wyberowa Pure Grain: Smooth, full-bodied, viscous, sweet edge, excel-



shopping

Doubts? Psychosis? Get a diary

That little book can do more for you than you think. By Patricia Cleveland-Peck

you may hear an unfamiliar sound: thousands of pens scratching on paper as people throngliout the country begin to write in their brand new diaries. A few days later, along with most good resolutions, the diaries will be abandoned - which is a pity as research in America indicates that keeping a diary can actually help you cope with life.

A diary in this context means a true record of feelings, fears and ambitions rather than a mere list of appointments, but it does not even have to be written. Many busy people now talk their dairies into a tape recorder (Tony Benn's tapes are famous). There are even more advanced methods: Nanni Moretti, the Italian director, shot his Dear Diary as a feature film, and there are plenty of volunteers willing to get to grips with a camcorder to compile their ovn video diaries for television's newest craze.

Like many other writers who work on a word processor, Graham Woodroffe, an English writer living in France, keeps his diary on computer, "It enables me to call up comparisons between similar dates over many years," he says.
In contrast with all this high-

tech, the oddest material on which to write a diary must surely be that used by an Italian peasant woman, Clelia Marchi. It was a sheet - not the A4 hut the linen bed variety - which she covered with long lines of tiny handwriting and edged with poems in red ink. She had been married for 40 years; her children had been born and her husband died in similar sheets and she found this the most appropriate medium on which to express her life history. A couple of years ago she was able to see the sheet displayed in the village of Pieve S Stefano, now known as the Citta del

Diario, in Tuscany.
Of course, people decide to keep diaries for different reasons. Anais Nin started hers at the age of 11 as a "letter" to her father. George Sand kept a wild diary with the intention of sending it to Alfred de Musset at the end of their affair. Frida Kahlo's sketchbook diary is made up of strange lists of words and haunting images of her body, shattered in a horrific hus accident in Mexico City. It obviously helped her to a loose-leaf folder and making deal with the agonising pain that she suffered every day of her life. In the diary she even draws her right leg, which the doctors he claims, "Under pressure of events, our lives become hardright leg, which the doctors decided to amoutate, adding the words, "Feet, what do I need

them for if I bave wings to fly?"
Personal diaries like these undoubtedly make fascinating within ourselves." reading - few of us can resist the

f you listen hard on I January and with examples ranging from the 10th-century diary of the Japanese courtesan, Sei Shonagun to the recent A Child's Diary in Sarajevo, they evoke every emotion. If Joe Orton's diaries shock with their frank sexual content, Samuel Pepys's attempts to disguise the sexual element in his with a code make us smile.

Diary revelations can give unexpected insights. Could Dorothy's more famous brother William have sunk to sneaking a look at his sister's diary? Her entry for 31 July 1802 reads, "When we were in the woods beyond Gobarrow Park we saw a few daffodils close to the water side... as we went along there were more and yet more... I never saw daffodils so beautiful... some rooted their heads... and the rest togged and reeled and danced...

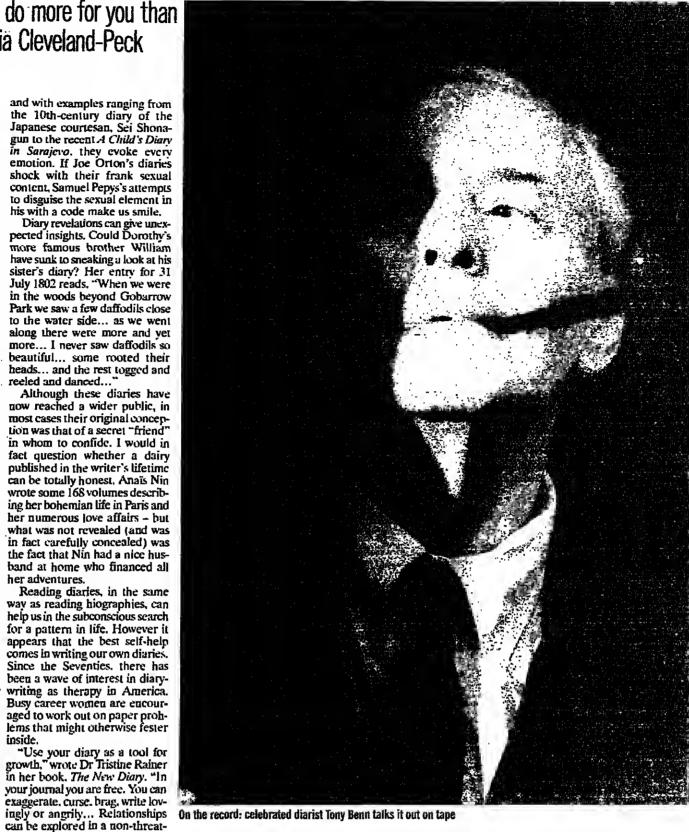
Although these diaries have now reached a wider public, in most cases their original conception was that of a secret "friend" in whom to confide. I would in fact question whether a dairy published in the writer's lifetime can be totally honest. Anais Nin wrote some 168 volumes describing her bohemian life in Paris and her numerous love affairs - but what was not revealed (and was in fact carefully concealed) was the fact that Nin had a nice husband at home who financed all

her adventures. Reading diaries, in the same way as reading hiographies, can help us in the subconscious search for a pattern in life. However it appears that the best self-help comes in writing our own diaries. Since the Seventies, there has been a wave of interest in diarywriting as therapy in America. Busy career women are encouraged to work out on paper prohlems that might otherwise fester

"Use your diary as a tool for growth," wrote Dr Tristine Rainer in her book. The New Diary. "In your journal you are free. You can exaggerate, curse, brag, write lovcan be explored in a non-threat-

removed. The Jungian psychologist, Pro-fessor Ira Progotf has taken matters a step further. His diarykeeping technique involves using entries in specialised sections. In his book As a Journal Workshop journal we gradually break into

The easiest way to learn about



iour can be rehearsed on paper quent in Britain. However, - and much apprehension armed with the book it is quite conscious beneficial effect is possible to follow the process. derived". Sections include "steppingstones", in which you list eight to 10 significant events in your life and then explore each more deeply; "roads not taken", where you try to salvage something positive from old regrets and neglected ambitions: "dialogue". sections where you enter into a packed like soil; as we work in the written conversation with persons living or dead with whom

who had abandoned the family. ening way and areas of genuine workshop" (hence the odd name Lastly Progoff encourages a lot incentive to make your life interworry can be pin-pointed. Behav- of the hook), but these are infre- of re-reading of diaries; this is the esting so that your diary will not "feedback from which the sub-

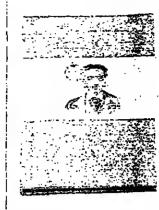
All this may seem rather lems, then keeping a diary can't earnest and Californian but I do any harm (unless the wrong can only say it did give me some valuable insights into my life. However, it's much more timeconsuming than the scribbled diary writing I normally indulge in. It is this more informal system that I recommend. Recording your hopes and fears is a cheap. harmless pursuit that is enjoyable this hardness... it becomes pos- you have unfinished business and can even became addictive. sible for us to move more freely toften guilt feelings after a loved. If you are lucky enough not to one has died). These exercises do need therapy, do it anyway - the throw up ideas which conscious worst that can happen is that, like frisson of voyeurism they offer Progoff's ideas is at a "journal reasoning would never expose. Anais Nin. you find "there is an

be dull..." In which case 1996 will

be a lively year for you. If, however, you do have probperson finds it, of course...), it is far cheaper than going to a shrink and, who knows? As Mae West discovered, "If you keep a diary, one day it may keep you.

> Further details of Ira Progoff's books and workshops can be obtained from Dialogue House, 80 East 11th Street, New York NY 1003, USA 'The New Diary' by Tristine Rainer, published by Tarcher, is now out of print.

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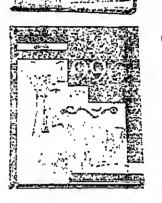
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A day in the life of the bra-fitters

Sally Williams sizes up the service at John Lewis's lingerie department

Mary, 5), lovingly dosts a display of Berlei Shock Absorbers. Warner Doreens and Silhouette Paysannes, Mary works in Boxed Bras, in the lingeric department of John Lewis, Oxford Street. She has been in bras for 30 years.

I definitely remember people by their bra rather than by their face," she says. One of 10 trained bra-litters in the department Mary's jub is to size up breasts: soft and firm, big and small, reduced and enlarged, even absent following mastectomies. She is unmarried, has a cat called Major and spends her weekends speing on other lingerie departments, Jennifer, 34, in Co-ordinates (matching bra and pants), is hanging newly delivered silk/satin turquoise cami-knickers and bras on the display rail. Ann. 44. weaves her way around the mannequins (today's outfit; fuscia-Wonderbrast, putting stock from the 18-boothed changing momback in the correct place. Christine, departmental manager, bustles through Woven Thermals, organising coffee, lunch and teal breaks of her 40 staff members.

Opening time. The first customers arrive. Find a fitting room and press the switch next to the mirnor," says Ann to a young girl with a selection of frothy lace basques. A hozzer sounds and a light flashes next to number eight on a panel outside the fitting rooms. "Oh God," says Christine, "the bells have started,"

Mary's first customer is a heavily pregnant woman. "I need more support," she says. Mary leads her

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"Ouch - that bone shouldn't be digging in there," says Mary, from fitting room three. "Do you swim or sing?" "Well. I do the odd length." comes the somewhat bewildered reply, "That's it, then' says Mary, triumphantly. "You're diaphragm has lifted up."

Mury is in fitting room three negotiating a breast reduction. into fitting room five carrying a selection of shock absorbers including a sports hra, but, says ing problem: "I have a customer including a sports hra, but, says in growthers." I have a customer including a sports hra, but, says in growthers. I have a customer including a sports hra, but, says in growthers. I have a customer including a sports hra, but, says in growthers. I have a customer including a sports hra, but, says in growthers. I have a customer including a sports hra, but, says in growthers. I have a customer including a sports hra, but, says in growthers.

In search of the perfect fit at John Lewis's branch in Oxford Street, London Photograph: Jane Baker

have it." Mary persuades the customer to wait until the plaster is off and swelling has gone down.

Ann is dispatched by a young woman with hig hair and lip gloss to find a thong. "It must be plain, not satin and it must match this hra," she orders. Mary eats a scone. A young man sits at the feet of a mannequin reading a book. Girlfriend is buying a sports hra. "She won't be long." be says.

A lady phones to check if Mary will be working on Thursday. Mary fitted her last year and she wants to be fitted by her again. The "shrunk" Shock Absorber turns out to bave been the wrong size. "It was a D, when it should have been a DD," says Christine. The hra is exchanged. The boy hy the mannequin is reunited with his girlfriend, but only temporarily. "What do you mean, you've only been measured?"

"Where are the Sloggies?" asks a woman dropping by after work. The waiting boy's girlfriend finally emerges with a cross-over sports bra. "That's it. We'te going home," he snaps as she tries to show bim the hra.

Closing time. Mary tidies her boxes. Fitting room seven can't decide: Ann's smile starts to flag. Christine gathers the department and reads the sales figures. Mary

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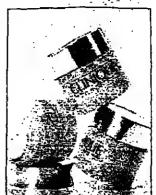
There is a fcar which plagues humanity and it is the fear of death. And because old age brings us closer to the grim reaper, we fear old age. It may be a fear we despise and one we want to deny, but most women, when they talk about growing old gracefully, actually mean growing old as slowly as possible.

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And because of the hasic urge for that taut, smooth, skin you see on those actressy women who hold their chins higher with the passing years (ebeaper than a jaw-joh, dar-ling), alchemy is alive and well and living in our skin care laboratories and ad agencies. Take the publicity copy for the latest addition to the Clinique range, Moisture On-Call: "Mnemonics Technology, the next generation of skincare, is available, Clinique's Mnemonics Technology incorporates a botanical extract to reactive skin's memory." Personally, I don't much like the thought of my skin sitting around saying. "Richard of York gave battle in vain" when it should be getling some well earned rest, hut the idea will prohably work: people vaguely know mnemonic has got something to do with memory. Memory equals the past. And the past

is the place you want to take. your skin back to. I'm not claiming that Clinique's products aren't good - its Dramatically Different moisturiser is divine, for a start - but what is the difference between this com-

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But even the heartiest sucker must occasionally ask themselves if £24.50 for a bottle of glop is really worth it. After a lot of consideration, I think it prohably is. It's a function of human nature to respect things more the more they cost. You could buy a nice bottle of cocoa butter from Superdrug for 99p, but you're more likely to remember to use a product if you had to go through hell, Haberdashery and your entire life

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These are the rising stars of 1996

Which names will you hear everywhere in the year ahead? David Benedict canvassed the views of the Independent's critics



illian Wearing (above) has yet to have a full-scale solo show, but any curator with an eye on the contemporary scene in 1996 will mention her name at the drop of a hat: they're all after her. Part of the Goldsmiths' school of new British art, Wearing works in video using herself as her central subject matter and, like a lot of women artists of her generation, follows in the footsteps of Cindy Sherman, whose experiments with identity and disguise have made her one of America's best known con-temporary artists. Wearing's coup this year was showing her "Western Security" piece about cowboys in the Hayward Gallery's new foyer space.

There are those who consider Jake & Dinos Chapman to he something approaching cowboys, but like them or not - and there are people preparing to mount the barricades on both sides - the brothers are on the edge of making it hig. Their work is designed to shock and has certainly done so thus far. Their figures are playful, their humour very boys-own variant. All their art bears witness to their obsession with mixing up periods and genres, and displays incredible craft skills - using sculpture and film - mixed with their particular brand of prurient imagery. So far the hrothers have only shown at the gallery of their dealer. Victoria Miro, but they have already established a serious international reputation for themselves and, if our Pairick tests had a serious with the serious and t if our British taste buds can cope with them, are possible contenders for the Turner prize shortlist in 1996.

Georgina Starr has also attracted considerable attention from abroad. At home, she is best known for her video "Crying", in which she sobbed continuously. She also works in multi-media, with photographs, tape and video, while the complex parratives in her work have meant her art appeals widely. "Visit to a Small Planet", currently touring in the British Art Show, recaptures what it's like to be a pre-adolescent. Her Now space in Fehruary, which should place her firmly on the art map.

THEATRE

n a former life, Philip Osment (right) was un actor with Shared Experience for Mike Alfreds. In the mid-Eighties be turned into a playwright with Gay Sweatshop's runaway success This Island's Mine. Under Osment's own direction, the 45 speaking parts – played by a cast of seven – highlighted his gift for beautifully dovetailed structure and subtle characterisation. After the success of The Dearly Beloved and this year's emotionally eloquent What I Did In the Holidays, next year's Flesh and Blood will be his third play for Mike Alfreds and will tour the country hot on the heels of The Undertaking, another new play for Gay Sweatshop, which should lift that company's recent mixed fortunes.

Alexandra Gilbreath is also going places in more ways than one. She attracted considerable attention as a feisty Regina in Katie Mitchell's RSC production of Ghosts, and then



starred as the central character in Phyllis Nagy's acclaimed Disappeared. Jude Kelly's uneven King Lear was notable for Gilbreath's remarkable Regan, a frightening portrail of a woman on the edge of madness. In 1996 she takes on the title role in English Touring Theatre's Hedda Gabler.

James Macdonald has directed countless well-received productions, but his meticulous and startlingly clear direction of new plays -Caryl Churchill's translation of Threstes, for instance. Nick Grosso's Peaches or Sam Shepard's Simpatico – has so far succeeded in enhancing the reputations of the writers rather than advancing his own career. With The Changing Room in the Royal Court Classics season in February, and Harry and Me at the Royal Court in March, he should finally receive the overdue attention previously accorded to other more flashy directors.

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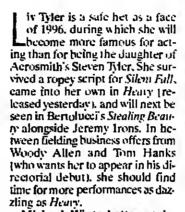
othing short of incredible" is what star American baritone Thomas Hampson called it when, just two weeks ago, on the Monday before Christmas, the 20-year-old Daniel Harding (right) braved a strike-bound Paris to score a standing ovation deputising at short notice for Simon Rattle at the helm of the musical knight's Birmingham band. All the more incredible given that neither work on the programme - Schoen-berg's spiky 1942 Piano Concerto and Mahler's massive vocal symphony, Dus Lied von der Erde - is exactly standard repertoire even for full-time maestros. let alone a tyro with only two previous orchestral concerts to his cv. But then Harding is no ordinary beginner. Rattle, who took him on as his assistant while he was still a music student in Manchester, has gone on record as stating that his young protégé is better than he himself was at the same age. When Harding conducted Boulez's Eclar in London last March, critics compared his economy and pre-Abbado's assistant in Berlin, Harding is due to celebrate his 21st hirthday



but, Emma Johnson apart, which BBC Young Musician of the Year has ever become a household name? The stunning cellist and 1994 winner Natalie Clein, 18, should soon remedy that when she delivers a reprise of her heart-tugging, title-snatching Elgar Concerto in a new Channel 4 docudrama, Elgar's Tenth Muse, starring

James Fox as the ageing enigma. It's doubtful if 1996 will do for any of its anniversaried composers - Anton Bruckner (died 1896). Howard Hanson (born the same year). Virgil Thomson (ditto) and Manuel de Falcision of technique to that of the la (died 1946) - what 1995 did for Pur-French master himself. Now acting as cell, but one name worth watching among the living is that of David Sawer. At 34, he's been around, but the as he means to go on - conducting (at the Amsterdam Concertgehouw). CD issue of his 1992 Prom premiere Byrnan Wood should perk up his pro-Definitely a beat to follow for 1996. file while Sinfonietta and BBC com-Musicians may be getting younger, missions come down the pipeline.

FILM



Michael Winterbottom (picnured) is hardly a new face to television viewers - having directed Cracker and Roddy Doyle's Fumily - but now this one-time apprentice to Lindsay Anderson is proving himself capable of setting cinema screens alight, too. He directed Butterfly Riss this year, eliciting Saskia Reeves's most fearless performance yet, and his version of Jude the Obscure, starring Christopher Eccleston, will be with us in the new year.

Song) is drawn from what he saw and an Oscar must surely be withas a human rights lawyer and in- in sniffing distance.



vestigator in Nicaragua, a post he held for two and a half years. The film tells the story of a Glaswegian bus driver who falls for a young Nicaraguan woman and travels hack to her home country with her. Currently shooting in Glasgow and Nicaragua, the film should see Laverty attract the success that his talent and commitment deserve.

If you were unlucky enough to see Cocktail you'll recognise Etisabeth Shue, but nothing can prepare you for her performance as a Vegas prostitute who falls for suicidal alcoholic Nicholas Cage in Mike Figgis's new film Leaving Las Vegas. Shue is raw and miving: the film feels like an The screenplay that Paul Laver- announcement of her arrival. She ty has written for Ren Loach's new has already won the Los Angeles

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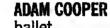
naissa (above) haven') released a thing ver, but their debut gig in darkest Har-low in early 1995 was a stark, urgent affair which proved they could carry off their sparky melodies on stage. Singer Rice's out-of-body vocals are just the icing on avery rich cake. There are echoes of dub. trip-hup, buhhlegum pop and the Cocteau Twins. But what matters most is that Raissa write tunes that are harder to shake than cold sores. Their first single, "Your Summertime", is out early February; they have recorded their alhum with Mark Saunders, who co-produced Tricky's Maxinguaye, the album of this year; they play live at London's LA2 on 26 January, And, frankly, your life is incomplete without them.

In all the Britpop hoo-hah. The Bluetones were rather forgotten, confused with the insipid Cast and caught up in a strange sub-mod movement. In fact, their strange sub-mod movement. In fact, their songs are carefully erafted pop gems, from the gorgeous "Blutonic" to the bouncy, irresistibly catchy new single "Slight Return" (released in January). The latter should win them untold acclaim and riches—if the album's half as good, it will be one of the warr's essential purphases. of the year's essential purchases. It was a good year for 60 Ft Dolls, A place

on the NME's Brat Bus tour, a support slot for the Boo Radleys (who they blew clear out of the water, no muhle) and every hint of rock 'n' roll hehaviour relayed to adoring fans by a salirating music press. And 1996 will be better. This Newport hand fly the punk flag but their songs - "Happy Shopper", about a tough transvestite, and "Pig Valentine", a dig at Saturday night clubbers are too doity to be nailed to any one genre.

American Joan Oshnurne is a complex derivative of her times and place. There are hints of Bonnie Raitt about her mannered. bluesy rasp, and her rhythm section is tuned for the roadhouse, yet virtually all the material on her debut album jour this spring on Mercury I is shot through with the kind of off-kilter, art-house theatricality that nakes "alternative" such a popular word in American mainstream culture. Watch out for dates next month.

And watch out for:





The Royal Ballet has so far ailed to capitalise upon Cooper's talent, which shone forth when he nipped away to star in Matthew Bourne's hugely theatrical Swan Lake. Next year it tours the country, which will make him a nationwide, fully fledged star.





ITV's McCallum may not prove to be the vehicle that propels him into the hearts and minds of the nation, but Hannah is set for great things after splendid work in Four Veddings and a Funeral and as a member of the Steve Coogan repertory company.

JUSTIN WEBB



With his Fitties matinee-idol looks, Webb represents the softer lace of BBC interviewing He recently progressed from the comflake run to reading the main evening news and now looks sel to take political confrontation into a gentler era after the Paxman years.

Next Week: The best shows of 1996

Make sure you don't miss out - make a date in your diary to eatch our preview guide to the best arts events of the coming year: from Simon Callow's new RSC staging of Les Enfants du Paradis to Twyla Tharp's return to the Royal Ballet, from David Alden's ENO Tristan to the coming of the hig Cézanne show to the Royal Academy

reviews

BALLET

Les Patineurs, Royal Opera House, London For all his heavyweight footwork, Tetsuya Kumakawa only scratches the surface of Frederick Ashton's subtle skating piece

set to Constance Lambert's neatly tailored arrangement of some of Meyerbeer's most catchy tunes, is a ballet about skaters and skating. Nothing remarkable in that, given that dancing has long been an important part of skating's artistry. But because Les Putineurs was first performed in 1937, it reveals something of the way in which people skated or ice-danced - 60 years ago. And that, perhaps, is the clue to why this most lightweight of Ashton's works is more than just a quaint picture of winter recreation.

rederick Ashton's Les Patineurs,

These days, ice rinks seem full of rowdy youths who can harely stand upright in their support boots. I doubt that every skating pond observed or imagined by Ashton when he made Les Patineurs qualified as a model of refined social interaction. But the ballet "skaters" here have ventured out for nothing more than some well-mannered sliding and gliding. Nearly all progress 10 more ambitious manocuvres, but Ashton reserves the most conspicuous feats of virluosity for the Blue Boy, a lone figure who wheel-jumps around the stage and is left spinning on the spor as the curtain falls. Unfortunately. Tetsuya Kumakawa treats the role

excess of technique coupled with an irritating flippancy. Sure, he's meant to dazzle us, but Kumakawa turns the choreography's fleetfooted teasers into a series of hollow stunts. The effect is ruinous to the intrinsic, gentle charm of Ashton's ballet. He's the ballet's outsider for all the wrong reasons accosting us with tricks that seem self-congratulatory and vacuous next to the occasional swanking of Ashton's merry band of skaters.

In the work's ceotral pas de deux - an extended romantic inter-Inde for a couple in white, furtrimmed Sunday best - Stuart Cassidy and Muriel demoostrate all the shapely. unhurried elegance of movement and phrasing. Dated yet still charming. Les Patineurs is a vision of that "celebrated sweet kind" of skating, as the great American critic Edwin Denhy described Sonja Henie's 1940s ice dances.

Less sweet but more twee is the revival of that seasonal money-spinner, Tales of Beatrix Potter, Ashton's film choreography transposed to the stage by Anthony Dowell, Organised as a collection of dances for Potter's animal characters - Mrs Tiggy-winkle, Jeremy Fisher, Squirrel Nutkin - it's most of the Blue Boy in much the same likely to appeal to children and to way that he treats any role; with an the sort of adults who still collect



'Les Patinaurs': Dated yet charming

cuddly toys. Potter's unseotimental treatment of her own animals -the real-life model for Mrs Tiggywinkle was put down with chloroform - is barely hinted at, although the fox who chases Jemima Puddle-duck in the hope of a tasty meal, and the bacon truck which

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pulls up next to Pigling Bland and Pig-wig provide some respite from all the flopsy hunny cuteness of this 70-minute animal fare.

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TELEVISION

Knowing Me Knowing Yule... with Alan Partridge (BBC2)

It's not easy being incompetent - Alan Partridge is to chat-show interviewing what Rudolf Nureyev was to spot welding. But maybe it's time to get real, By Jasper Rees

ings, that incompetence is a time-consuming business. It diaries. In fiction, Partridge takes far longer to portray a slowly unfolding cock-up than a success in which all runs smoothly. Alan Pariridge is one step up from Broomfield in the evolutionary scale of hroadcasting competence: at least he gets the interviews, but conducts them so appallingly that he extracts no more from them than if he had interrogated a tree trunk.

It may well be that. like Broomfield, Partridge will come to resemble a one-trick pony. solely programmed to unleash his rib-tickling intolerance on blameless sofa-fodder. He specialises in digging himself into very deep holes, and sometimes the process overruns. His cock-ups are only mockups, like the studio re-creation of the Partridge hearth, but their excruciating accuracy can cut too close to the hone.

The central conceit of Knowing Me Knowing Yule... with Alan Partridge was that the Christmus special has to gu well to safeguard the second se-

tridge scriptwriters hum and ha and look for the window in their tried to curry favour by inviting on to the show the chief commissioning editor for BBC television, a safely unreal post hut none the less played by David Schneider as a trendy, worthy hybrid of Alan Yentob and Michael Jackson, Needless to say. Partridge's curry-favouring backfired: his final act was to glove the Beeh hoss with a bird seasonally located in a pear tree.

Although in every sense a knockout joke, some other gags didn't pack quite the same punch. Our host quickly tired of the cross-dressing chef's saucy doubles entendres, and for once you were in sympathy with him. Sometimes the line hetween television that drags intentionally and television that just drags is not so very

The details remain delimerctricious tangents and meraphors ("My show is your bell. Please peel it"), his instruction to researchers to find out if Dr Hook is a fully qual-

lick Bruomfield has already BBC is gagging for another se- tour of Norwich, where Pardemonstrated this week, ries, while the restless Partifuge jogs in the cathedral tridge scriptwriters hum and has eloisters and shops after also cloisters and shops after closing at Tandy, was the eleverest and most richly detailed segment of the show. Line of the night revealed that, since the bombing of Dresden, Norwich has hoasted the most pre-Reformation churches in the world: an ingenious Partridgean cocktail of pointless East Anglian trumpet-blowing and pointed xenophobic tri-

As for the chat, it might underwrite the basic joke to show Partridge getting something right. And it may be a heresy 10 suggest it, hut it might even be worth switching his attention to real personalities instead of invented ones. Mrs Merion is already on this patch, and running out of volunteers, but he is clearly capable of attracting non-fictional guests because Mick Hucknatt, plainly a fan doing the Partridge team a favour, came on to sing out the ciously choice: Partridge's eredits with a carol. Although it would involve sacrificing control over one balf of the script and usher in the risk of genuine emharrassment, to go legit would bring a sense of real ries. In reality, of course, the ified GP. The pre-recorded rather than feigned danger.

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All you need to know about

Plot: This brief and morally strenuous novel is set in the Puritan community of 17th century Boston. In a teisurely introduction, Hawthorne establishes his identity of "narrator". The novel opens with Hester Prynne standing on an anachronistic public scaffold in front of a large, indignam crowd. She is charged with adultery but she won't name her lover: As a punishment she must be exposed to public abuse and is condemned to wear the letter "A" woven onto her clothes. In her arms she carries her illegitimate child. Pearl.

Hester's husband is an English schotar who had sent her to Boston. He was to follow her hut never turned up because he had been captured by Indians. He escaped and now stands among the speciators in disguise. Assuming the name of Roger Chilt-ingworth he vows to uncover Hester's secret. He is a hit mad.

In fact, Pearl's father is the young minister. Arthur Dimmesdale. Arthur buries his guilt but, over the course of face. Meanwhile, Hester's kindness to the community seems to change the meaning of the letter that she wears.

Chitlingworth catches Arthur talking to Hester in the woods. Leaping to the correct conclusion, he begins to haunt Arthur and makes some rather suggestive remarks. Arthur loses control: after delivering a punchy Election Day sermon he finally stands with Hester and Pearl on the scaffold. He admits his guilt and that the letter "A" now means Arthur. With this semantic shift, he dies. Chillingworth's life is now

void of meaning, and he realises it. Pearl goes to Europe but Hester chooses to remain in the community and continue a life of contrition.

Theme: Hawthorne is one of the first American writers to note how the original settlers allowed the opportunity of the new continent to slip away. The first buildings in any community were always the church and the prisun.

The remance tas Hawthorne called the book) illustrates the dangers and similarities of guilt and pride. Chillingworth and Dimmesdale are consumed by secrets and fall to live

useful lives. Hester's honesty becomes a blazon and her secret is protective rather than selfish. The letter "A" transforms her into a sort of female knight errant. rescuing the distressed.

Style: The narrative voice seems straightforward, but this is a deliberate illusion. The narrator is often amhiguous and enjoys withholding important "facis". Judgements are partial and conclusions left open.

Chief strengths: No facile answers are provided here. Hester is, after all. guilty; Pearl the "Elfin" child, has devilish traits: the Puritans are given their due. Chillingworth and Dimmesdate are villains because of their hypocrisy hut remain sympathetic because they are both self-destructive.

The reader is tempted to oversimplify and Hawthorne shows how such simplifications lead to tragedy.

Chief weaknesses: "The symbolism is overdone at times and becomes mechanical; it ceases to he impressive and grazes triviality." (Henry James)

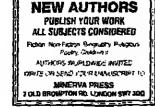
Pearl's cute knowingness has some of the same sugary stickiness as Dickens's dwarfish cuddlies, although Pearl is allowed to grow up and isn't assigned to a lachry mose death-bed.

What they thought of it then: One or two early critics felt that Hawthorne was condoning adultery but it gently insinuated fiself into classic status. Henry James, in 1879, affirmed his helief that it was the first genuine example of "fiterature" that America had managed to

What we think of it now: D.H. Lawrence considered it "one of the greatest allegories in all literature" and his enthusiasm carried F.R. Leavis in its wake: Leavis places it in his nefarious "Great

Posimodern critics love the idea of a character who is a letter and a letter whose meaning changes, at that. This opens up infinite possibilities of frenzied interpretation.

Responsible for: Henry James and his tove of symbols: sacred founts, golden howls, figures in carpets etc. Also the recent film with Demi Moore.



Marco Polo and the history with a hole

The world's most famous traveller never went to China, says a new book. Oh yes he did, says William Dalrymple

Did Marco Polo go to China? by Frances Wood, Secker & Warburg, £14.99

t has been a bad decade for Dead White Males. There was a time when death meant you could Rest In Peace, reasonably confident that the obituary writers would give a kindly gloss to your faitures and achievements. No longer. Today, no sooner has a figure been laid to rest than the revisionists are exhuming the corpse and dancing on the cadaver. And the trend seems to be on the increase. The decade opened with Columbus receiving a full-scale assault from politically-correct American historians, (Discovered America? What about the Native Americans?). Now, so it seems, it's Marco Polo's turn.

This tatest assault is the work of Frances Wood, the head of the Chinese Department of the British Library, Her claim that Marco Polo never went to China appears at first sight to be a particularly blatant example of the look-at-me school of revisionism. For what primary school studeni does not know about Polo? His book has been turned into a strip cartoon, a one-man show at the Edinburgh Festival, even a television drama starring Leonard (Mr Spock) Nimoy as Kubla Khan, Short of claiming that William the Conqueror never invaded England in 1066, it is difficult to think of any wheeze more likely to propel

a medievalist into the limelight.
Whod's argument is largely based
on negative evidence: that there is no mention of Marco Polo in the surviving Chinese archives: that Polo fails to notice any evidence of foothinding, there's not a squeak about tea and nothing about the Great Wall. He is even taken to task for failing to spot the cormorants of the Yangize.

Yet this line of attack rests on an extremely dubious interpretation of the whole thrust of the Travels. Polo was not writing a 13th-century Lonely Planet Guidebook. There is no rea-

and cormorants, still less the Great Wall which, according to the most recent scholarship, did not exist at the time, the original wall having long decayed while the present structure tthe work of the 16th-century Ming

Dynasty) was yet to be erected. Although the Travels has a reputation as a romantic book of adventures, Polo was in fact writing a dry factual guide to the commerce of the Silk Road, a book hy a merchant for other merchants. It contained lists of goods available on the caravan routes, as well as advice on how to overcome the difficulties on the way: where to stock up with provisions, where to keep an eye out for robbers, how in cross a desert.

Despite the romantic topspin given to the hook by Marco Polo's ghost writer, a Genoese troubadour named Rustichello (whose additions stand out as clearly as paragraphs of tabloid journalism inserted into a PhD), Polo's book seems to have been planned as an ordinary merchant's manual, not dissimilar to other manuals of the time such as the Pratica della Mercusura of the Florentine, Francesco Pegolotti, Indeed of its type it is a very fine example. The Travels contained more accurate and detailed information about the SIIk Route than was available at the time from any other source, in either the Islamic or Christian worlds. Had the Tranels really been cobbled together in Constantinople from travellers' gossip, it should be full of the dogheaded monsters and cahbage-like silk trees referred to by other

medieval chroniclers. As it is, while Polo may make what we would consider to be some odd omissions, he rarely gets anything wrong. In this respect, he stands in remarkable contrast to the great majority of medieval travellers' tales. Certainly Polo is a model of factual

contemporary Eastern attempt to describe Europe, The History of the Franks by the Persian scholar Rashid-ud-Din, which claims, for example, that the Pope was in the habit of using the Holy Roman Emperor's neck as a

step to mount his horse. Moreover there is nothing at all surprising in the idea that Marco Polo did get to China. In the 13th century the Mongol Empire stretched from Poland to the Pacific, It bad excellent communications - infinitely more sophisticated than those of medieval Europe ~ and Polo was simply one of the great number of Europeans who took advantage of the opportunities this presented.

In the 1240s, a generation before Polo's journey, the Pope's envoy, John of Piano Carpini, had safely reached the Great Khan's camp in Quter Mongolia. Ten years later William of Ruhrick made the same journey and records meeting a bost of Europeans at bis destination: among others, William Buchier, a goldsmith from Paris, some impoverished Germans and Basil "the son of an Englishman". By the early 14th century, the Vatican had established a Franciscan arcbbishop in Peking, while a whole colony of Venetians was operating on the Chinese coast of Hang-Chow and Zayton. When all this is taken into account, the conclusions of Dr Wood's book appear highly suspect, and raise far more

questions than they answer.
That said, Did Marco Pulo go to
China? still makes fascinating reading. It is unusually well written, with a light and often waspishly witty tone; it is mercitully free of academic jargon; and it contains the most up-to-date discussion about Marco Polo's Thirels available in English. Its wilder claims should be treated with extreme cautions but it is still one of the liveliest introductions to the his-



From stockings and pearls to wampum belts and sects

An approachable new book from a distinguished scholar brings three resourceful 17th-century women to life. By Sue Gaisford

little in common. One was a Jewish businesswoman, one a Lutheran naturalist, one an Ursuline nun. They were all born in different countries, the first two half-way through the 17th century, the third 50 years earlier. Yei Natalie Zemon Davis (the distinguished historian and author of The Return of Martin Guerre) sees many parallels between them, the strongest being their determination.

Glikl hen Judah Leih was mar-ried at 14 and had 12 surviving children. The daughter of a Hamburg trader, she was widowed at 43 and set about supporting her brood by dealing in stockings and pearls. She remarried but her second husband

This is a book about three moved in with a married daugh- Women on the Margins women who had, at first sight, ter for the rest of her life. What makes her remarkable is the by Natalie Zemon Davis document she left for her descendants. In seven books, each marking a decade of human life, it is an example of the Jewish tradition of an 'ethical will', an autobiography spiced with stories and paralities drawn from folklore, the Bible, classical history and her own experiences. She comes across as a strong, brave, bossy woman, and curiously modern the type who'd be so keen to tell you what to do you'd never get

her off the phone. Maria Sibvlla Merian left no autohingraphy behind her, but she did leave her husband. These days, we'd describe as a dangerous cutt the group of strict Labadists whose community in went bankrupt and died and she Friesland she ran away to join. Rourishes) high above the St and whom she came to love. She

Harvard, £15.95

Yet through them, she decided to visit Surinam where she developed her keen interest in the metamorphosis of insects, producing beautiful and accurate paintings of their life cycles, and pickling many of the little creepy-

crawlies in brandy.
As for Marie Guyart, she was probably the bravest of the lot. A wife at 17, a mother at 18 and a widow at 19, she left her son to ber sister's care and joined the Ursuline order in Tours, From there, she travelled to Canada and founded a school (which still



Natalie Zemon Davis: commitment

Lawrence river. It was tremendously wild country, populated by Iroquois. Hurons and Algonquins - people then known as Savages - whose languages she learnt son portray a wisdom and fortitude rare in any age.

Each of these three deserves her own biography: together they represent the resilience and resourcefulness of women determined to follow their destiny. Davis has written a profoundly. scholarly book about them but she has also attempted to make. them approachable. Sometimes this works, particularly when she goes into details: Glikl complains that her children are spoilt and dissatisfied with the simple plea-sures of life; Maria Sibylla nurtures daughters and caterpillars in her busy Dutch kitchen; Marie: Guyart. in her last agony, is concerned only for the welfare of her

beloved Savages. It works less well when Davis

was a mystic and a teacher whose attempts to unite the three in a deeply affectionate letters to her kind of resuscitation exercise, a short play in which they all grumble at being thrown together, and when she justifies her book in terms of her own delight in following their adventures. Nor is it a good idea to publish so many pictures in poor quality black and white reproductions. The Torah binders "embroidered by women for the circumcision of their sons', the alarming Waiyami wasp mats and wampum belts look sadly dull, and Maria Sibylla's fastidious paintings cry out for modern colour printing.

But these are quibbles. To read this passionately committed book is to feel admiration for the efforts of such brave women to make the most of their lives, and gratitude to Natalie Zemon Davis for celebrating them.

Bungalows and giant bananas

Henry Sutton's first novel is an assured, likeable tale of love and betrayal among the over-70s. By Hugo Barnacle

leston was much quieter, much safer. But it was the noise and danger of Great Yarmouth that

Percy wanted now." The Norfolk seaside town of the title still has beach huts, a pier and a chaple of hotels. Owing to an over-enthusiastic decision by the council, it also has, in summer, buses disguised as giant bananas. But no one has been on holiday there for 20 years and, except for a new estate. populated by Americans working the North Sea rigs, its population

is on the elderly side.

Dercy rarely went to for Birds Eye, is about to embark Gorleston Yarmouth. People living in on an affair with dangerous. Gorleston rarely did... Gor- man-cating widow Queenie, the by Henry Sutton raciest of five Gorleston sisters. She dyes her hair orange. chainsmokes, shouts "Cro-ce!" at people and likes to do stuntdriving tricks in her Merm on Marine Parade, usually at lunchtime so that the more decrepit clientele in the urinescented dining rooms of the scufront hotels can all see and be

shocked by her. lures Percy into driving his Cavaher through Yarmouth's pedes-

Sceptre, £9.99

her Gorleston bungalow, tumhling into bed. "She started to moan and groan. 'I love you, I love you,' he whispered as the constellations twinkled above 16 Yallop Avenue, Gorleston-on-Sea."

Love among the aged is in It is of course Queenic who danger of becoming a cliched subject, but Henry Sutton manages it well. At 32 he is himself trian precinct, riding the toller-coaster with her, smoking under ist and the benefits of age and Shy, trusting widower Percy, the No Smoking sign in the Livexperience show. There are address and drives by her house happy marriage. He then finds But on the whole Gorleston is an retired from a career in packaging ing Jungle exhibition and back at hardly any failed stylistic enter- pointlessly, stakes out shops where out, in an abrupt and contrived

prises or sentimental excesses till the end. By making Percy one of a notoriously buttoned-up lowermiddle-class type - "he had never undressed in front of his wife and never had sex with anyone else at all" - Sutton is able to treat him. convincingly, like a naive and romantic teenage boy. The affair with Queenie is thus ridiculous, hut no more so than certain events that Sutton and his readers can probably recall from their own lives.

Percy becomes fascinated after one first glimpse. He tactically makes friends with Queenie's purple-rinsed sister Toots, brings up Queenie's sacred name in every conversation, discovers her

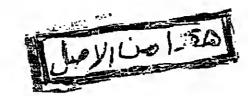
callous heartbreaker everybody says she is. All that teenage stuff.

The outcome is unsurprising, as we are left in no doubt that Queenie is the typical "prenty one" of the family, a 70-plus version of the spoilt, ruthless bitch we've all fallen for at some time. This leads to the book's one real problem, apart from the over-heavy irony attending Percy's fond hopes. The end of the affair, being so predictable, does not make a sufficiently strong pay-off, so Sutton has to provide another one.

Percy falls back on the memory of his late wife and their long.

he might run into her, and gal-lantly believes that she is not the he believed it to be in that department either. Sutton's sense of humour falters, a false, melodramatic note is struck, and the

novel's last line is a clunker. "He put the car into gear," it says. "He knew he could never go back." As Percy is parked on the clifftop at the time, facing out to sea, we need to know whether he's engaging reverse and plan-ning to leave town or engaging first and planning to go over the top (along with Sutton) for a silly, suicidal finale. We aren't told. The withheld resolution, such a dismal feature of Sixties TV scripts, won't really do any more. assured, likeable piece of work.



When Britannia ruled the **Waves**

Once upon a time, the Royal Navy was more than just an armed service. It was a passion. By Jan Morris

The Oxford Illustrated History of the Navy ed. J.R.Hill, Oxford, £25

nis collection of essays declares itself the definitive one-volume history of the Royal Navy, and concludes with an assessment of the Navy in 1993 - a naval service, the editor says, "of which that the nation can be proud". The truth is that the nation is neither proud nor really born with Nelson. The Nelsonic ashamed of the Navy. It doesn't care two hoots about the Navy, except perhaps as the subject of rather embarrassing television films. Like Britain summed up the British people's feelitself, the Royal Navy reached its true finale with the Great Victory of 1945: since then it has simply been, as every-one knows, just a contributory flutilla to the admiralty of the Americans.

National self-consequence is in poor taste now, but half a century ago nobody could possibly have sneered when the King of England crossed the English Channel in one of his warships, Royal Standard at the mainmast, to observe the invasion of Normandy. The immense maritime operation had been overwhelmingly a British achievement: around the King's ship milled a vast grey fleet flying the White Ensign; everyone beautiful of selections the selection of knew that whatever kind of cock-up the British Army made of things, the Royal Navy would do its job with dignity and efficiency. It must be difficult for a later generation to realise the place the Navy then held in the pride and affection of the British people.

The book begins with the statutory references to round-ships, the Cinque Ports and the Battle of Sluys, and dutifully concludes with a chapter or two about NATO, the Falklands and all story itself, its dash and its sacrifice, its emotional comradeship, its romantic fallibility, for more than a century ing about their Navy: and to many of those who served in it, too, the Navy was more than just an armed service, but a kind of passion – "a two-fisted, free-living, implacable, tragic, jovial, splendid service". Admiral Lord Charles Beresford once wrote of it in a rare moment of lyricism.

The 14 eminent contributors to this book certainly do not let emotion run away with them, A professor at Cornell, the officer in charge of the Australian Navy's tactical development cell, a dis-tinguished naval architect, a hydrographer of the Navy, a chairman of the Society for Nautical Research, sundry academics and defence analysis, they are all pre-eminent in their various fields, but are not by and large tuggers at the heart-strings. Nor are they, of course, mere propagandists. There is no hiding the incompetences, paltry rivatries, foolish economic decisions.



Sea food: dinner in the mess deck of a light cruiser c.1914-1918. The tables were secured to the deckhead after use to provide space to sling hammocks

misjudgements and higotries which have so often weakened the British Navy; but now that the story is really ended, there is no denying either the historical truth that all in all the Navy won. It hattled through to the end, often losing a fight but seldom losing a war, and the British people were right to see in it an epitome of what was best and strongest about themselves.

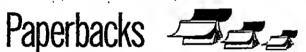
Admiral Hill, the exemplary editor of the work, of course makes the point that naval history is not just ships. sadors and strategy. Economics, sociology and politics all got their due attention, and the illustrations include not only the usual portraits of admirals. prints of smoke-shrouded ancient victories and photographs of peculiar the was the Royal Navy's only significant Victorian battleships, but also some defeat in the 19th century. There were

levely paintings, reproduced in colour. to remind us that the Navy often played upon the sensibilities of artists, too. I don't think there is much revisionist writing in the collection, and there is little of the creative fire that raged through Corelli Barnett's recent history of the Navy in the Second World War: but there is steady judgement, able writing, and of course profound knowledge (though I may perhaps he forgiven the impertinence of pointing out that the Battle of the Taku Forts was not, as Andrew Lambert has it on page 182. "Jacky" Fisher's baptism of firc...).

Mr Lambert, in an otherwise impeceahle essay on the Navy and the Victorian Empire, says that the Taku battle was the Royal Navy's only significant

plenty to come in the 20th, though, Humiliating reverses in the First World War, diverse shambles in the Second. demonstrated that the Royal Navy's Nelsonic pre-eminence was lost already. Pathos was not among the qualities "Charlie" Beresford saw in his beloved Victorian Navy and it is distressing even now to read of the disadvantages under which, all too often through no fault of its own, the Navy struggled towards its end: rickety Swordfish biplanes lumbering heroically but generally vainly towards the enemy; poor old unreconstructed Hood, up against the Biv-marck: Prince of Wiles with no air cover, out-gunned MTBs; Dudley Pound, with his fatal brain tumour already developing, scattering the con-

But it won. In those days the British saw their Navy in the context of a long and mighty tradition - the most famous exemplar of a great nation with an epic history. Who sees the Royal Navy in those terms now? Foreign Anglophiles perhaps, but very few Britons. Only those of more than a certain age will still get a thrill of pride from this handsome book; just as only a few elderly romanties, pausing to contemplate the roster of names on the naval war memorial on Plymouth Hoe, the majestic titles of the fleets once dispersed across the oceans, the terrible battle-hondurs. the long, long register of men lost at sea in so many distant hall-forgotten actions - only a few of us still have to wipe away a tear.



Reviewed by Emma Hagestadt and Christopher Hirst



Blood on the Tracks by Miles Bredin (Picador, £6.99).

A young reporter's gung-ho, rather shapeless account of an intermittent rail journey between Angola and Mozambique in 1992. With less than half the 2,760-mile line operational, he doesn't board a train until page 129. After a terrifying brush with the Angolan civil war, Bredin is graphic on Africa's endemic corruption, inflation and decay. Some may find his puppyish enthusiasm



The Literary Companion to Cats ed, Clare Boylan (Sinclair-Stevenson, £9.99)

Clare Boylan isn't sentimental. Once, finding a note from the cleaner - "Cat is in the bin" - she promptly interred the creature. along with a fluffy bag of hoover emptyings, in the garden, A wenderfully skittish collection of feline literature, including Barbara Pym on cat fleas, Dora Carrington on cat lust and Boylan's personal favouite -Francis Scarfe's poem "Old Cat".



De Valera hy Tim Pat Coogan (Arrow, £9.99)

Chatty and outspoken, Coogan has conjured a lively read from the distant figure who dominated Ireland for much of this century. Though De Valera was vilified in Britain for insisting on Irish neutrality, Coogan notes that he shackled the IRA during the war. In the post-war world, "Dev" emerges as economically inept and a cultural isolationist. Coogan's verdict: "He did little useful and much barmful."



Harvest by Celia Brayfield (Viking, £9.99)

Jane Knight, author of bestselling cookery books, has arranged a hirthday party for her husband at their Gascon farmhouse. Among the guests are her husband's exlover (the beautiful but infertile Grace), his daughter (the beautiful, hut pregnant Imogen) and Grace's husband Nick (specialist in HIV-positive bahies). A fragrant hlockhuster which, the author darkly hints, has been inspired by "true-life" events.



The Book of Sodom by Paul Hallam (Verso, £10.95)

There's no shortage of literature about the "city of the plain" (whence our swear-word "sod"). Hallam's quirky anthology ranges from Proust to porn. His introduction - part autobiography, part a history of gay London could happily be expanded to hook length. The cover-pic of a naked man having a fag lit for him was taken in that gay hastion - the Newcastle United changingroom in 1938.



Brando by Peter Manson (Orion, £8.99)

A big book about a hig man. Peter Manson subpoena-ed over 700 witnesses for his hiography of Marlon Brando, all willing to testify to the star's prodigious appetite for women and self-loathing. Most interesting are Manson's takes on Brando's goings-on in Tahiti which eventually led to the murder of Brando's daughter's francée by Brando's son. A sad account of a vastly talented man.

The old school polymath

All-rounders like Walter Oakeshott aren't allowed in today's world. By Godfrey Hodgson

voy PQ17 to its fearful destruction.

I fyou go into the British Museum and turn right, you will find the room in which the museum keeps its most precious manuscript treasures. Two of the oldest of these were discovered by one man, and he was not a professional scholar, but a schoolmaster.

One is the original manuscript of Malory's Morte d'Arthur, which Walter Oakeshott recognised in the library at Winchester College when he was teaching there. The other is a notebook which he himself hought before he realized it contained the notes Sir Walter Raleigh made for his History of the World while awaiting execution in the Tower of London.

Those two great discoveries, though. were only incidental to Oakeshon's life. He was an all-rounder of a kind that is simply not allowed in today's world; in a career of dazzling versatility, he led a more than double life. Starring with a double First in Classics from Balliol College. Oxford, he carned his living reaching in public schools and universities. ending his career as Vice-Chancellor of Oxford. But at one time or another he also tried his hand at journalism, economics, sociology, and art history.

Oakeshon's first book was an economic history of trade. Renaissance maps were a hobby, and he discovered the one used by the Elizabethan explorer Anthony Jenkinson when he tried to travel from Russia to China. He edited Raleigh's love poems to Queen Elizabeth. His interests extended to modern architecture, and as Vice-Chancellor at Oxford he supported the new school of engineering as well as helping to set up

Walter Oakeshott by John Dancy Michael Russell, £24

the reforming Franks committee. His greatest scholarly work, though. was the study and editing of the two great 12th-century illuminated hibles in the library of Winehester cathedral. By analysing the way they drew details such as hair, leaves or drapery, he identified individual artists like "the Master of the

Leaping Figures" and the "Master of the Gothic Majesty". He was no cloistered aesthete, however. In the late Thirties he wrote a ground-breaking report. Men Without Work, on long-term unemployment, a subject which is still sadly relevant today. It contributed to the Beveridge Report, and so to the intellectual foun-

dations of the Welfare State. Painfully shy, with indifferent health and afflicted by recurrent depression reminiscent of Winston Churchill's "black dog". Oakeshort was not robust. In 1953, while headmaster of Winchester, his career, and his emotional life. suffered two terrible blows which almost broke him. The son of a master hanged himself in the chapel and Oakeshou was with the father when he found the boy's body. Shortly afterwards, he seriously mishandled a minor scandal when he tried to persuade a tough, military housemaster who had exceeded his authority to resign.

Yet this gentle, owlish man with his

wide-brimmed hats and self-effacing drawl, who could seem almost too good for this world, continued to work furiously into his eighties, and as Vice-Chancellor at Oxford showed a surprising toughness and realism in his efforts to propel that supborn institution into the modern world. "I) must have been very like this", he said one night at Lincoln's high table after a dinner for which both hutler and chet had excelled themselves, "at Fountains just before the dissolution of the monasteries".

John Dancy calls Oakeshott a late product of "Balliolismus". The Balliol ethos, nourished by Vietorian worthies such as T.H.Green and Benjamin Jowett, was perhaps the product of nonconformist morality shifted into a cult of work and service. A generation which had lost its religious faith kept a quasireligious belief in the lay trinity of Beauty, Truth and Goodness, That cult bred an othes of service, but also highspiritual ambition. The idea was that men should go from Balliol to serve Church and State, but in that service should continue to pursue their own per-

sonal cultivation — and their salvation. It is less than 10 years since Walter Clakeshou died. Yet in the world of Newt Gingrich and Rupert Murdock the Balliolism of his generation seems as extinct as that of Fountains Abbey before Henry VIII started hanging abbots at their own gates. His scholarship can be patronized as amateur, his dedication to excellence can be attacked as elitism. Yet there remains something admirable and precious about a man who could set him-

self such high standards.

Who's reading whom?

J.G.Ballard's first volume of collected non-fiction. 'A User's Guide to the Millennium' will be published by HarperCollins in January

When Albert Camus died in a car crash in 1900, the manuscript of his last novel *The First Man* (Hamish Hamilton) was found in the wreckage. It is perhaps two thirds of what Camus intended - enough to publish - hut as his daughter points out in the introduction, its colonialist subject matter and the fact that Camus was under attack from the extreme left-wing of the French intelligensia, convinced his widow it was untimely to release it. We

are lucky to have it now. It is the most brilliant semi-autobiographical account of an Algerian childhood amongs) the grinding poverty and stoicism of poor French-Algerian colonials. Camus's notes and revisions appear as an appendix and the evolution of the book is clearly visible. His ability to conjure landscape and atmosphere in long. long sentences of exact description without resorting to simile or metaphor



We'll take a cup of compost yet.

Anna Pavord reviews the past year's triumphs and failings in the garden and makes plans for next year's new growth

start counting jars of chulney in the larder, pillowboard, leaks in the roof. It is a As the counting of the little triuniphs and the rather more memorable disasters proceeds, you have to keep your fingers crossed that you are going to come out in credit. I think I might just have broken even if it hadn't been for the wall.

The kitchen garden is hounded by stone walls about 18 inches thick and eight or nine feet high. In a foul weekend of westerly gales, storms and hail a 30-foot section of the west wall came crashing down on the border, crushing the fan-trained pears that had been spreadcagled against it. I mind the pears more than the wall. When everything else in the garden threatened to gallop away out of control, I

our place more of less stuck together since we have been here has died, so strange builders process that includes the garden. have been coming to look at the wall. There has been much sucking of teeth. "What you want there is a nice bit of breezeblock," said the first. The second talked about using his band saw to cut up all the hig stones. "Give them a nice flat face. Make them easier to handle. You'll have a nice lot of stone left over." He wanted the spare stone to do a repair job in the neighbouring village. The third one talked encouragingly about lime mortar. which is what Paddy, our old mason, used to use, but his fin- (Marshalls 90p) looks similar ger seemed to have slipped writing the quote, It was enough to build a granny annexe, let alone a garden wall.

So, the gaping hole is still

ever for crops. The freezer. The old mason who has kept bulging with tomatoes, bears tesfive different outdoor varieties I grew was "Dario" (Marshalls, £1.771. Having grown smallish tomatoes such as "Red Alert" and "Tornado" for some time, it was a treat to have these big. round fruits, each at least a quar-

ter of a pound in weight. Marshalls talk of it as a bush tomato, but because of our slugproblem, I grew some of the "Dario" plants up canes, pinching out side shoots, and they still cropped well. As frosts came so late, we were still picking them at the end of November, "St Pierre" one to try this year.

You can sow any time during March and April. If you are a neighbour's house in early sum-growing outside, though, you mer to watch the opening of the can't put out plants until the end there and, unfortunately, there is of May, so there is no benefit in tus. Epiphyllum oxypeudum. The an hour) is at least six inches used to go and look at the pears. no way I can avoid seeing it as I sowing too early. Sowing around

in a five inch pot, water it, cover it with clingfilm and leave it on timony to that. The star of the the kitchen window sill to ger-

> When the seedlings are established, prick them out into three inch pots, one plant to a pot, and grow them on in these until it is time to transplant them outside. Timing that last shift is the only tricky thing about growing tomatoes. You want them hardened off and planted out as soon as you can, so that cropping will start early. The carliest date I have picked outdoor tomatoes is 4 July. That was the bush variety "Tumbler". Cold nights in late spring, though, will turn leaves

blue and check growth. The most dramatic happening of the year was the invitation to mer to watch the opening of the buds on her night-flowering cacplant itself is an untidy looking across, a mass of thin spidery

tus, but one that likes wet rather and smells so sweet, you could than dry. Its native habitat is Central America, where it is an epihyte, scramhling around in trop-

The huds hang down on long fleshy stems from the flattened leaf-stems. The outside is stained pink, and fleshy bud scales make cach one look like some tropical insect rather than a flower. Round about eight o'clock at night, the huds begin to stir and the whole process of them opening is like watching a speeded up nature film. You can hear the petals cracking out from the tightly folded bud parcels. The flower opens a pure, mesmerising white with a complicated centre of creamy stamens and a

predatory looking stigma. The flower, fully-opened (it looks good after half an hour, but is not fully shaken out for about

get drunk on that alone. The smell is there for whatever moth pollinates it in its Central American home. By morning, the flower has crumpled and hangs like a wet dishcloth. With luck

another will take its place. Now, if this were an ordinary garden plant, you would be ask-ing yourself, "Why keep a bundle of scraggy stems for 51 weeks of the year in order to get flowers for the remaining one?" And you would be right. But this is such an extraordinary spectacle, reason goes out of the window.

From my neighbour I got a leaf cutting which, having rooted, is now growing strongly with nine fresh stem-leaves growing from it. The fronds are much the size and shape of our native hart's tongue fern. Epiphyllums need to be in a place where the winter temperature does not drop below 5C. Being epiphytes, they do not

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My neighbour propagates from side shoots. You need to leave these to dry off at the bottom for a day or two before you pot up the cutting in compost.

Gardeners, though, tend to look forward rather than back. The sight of "Soleil d'Or" narcissus buds already six inches high in the rough grass is very cheering. So are the great curtains of yellow jasmine catching in the postman's hair at the back door. He's new on the round and hasn't learned yet to make the slight bob and swerve to avoid it. You could cut it back," said my busband when the jasmine took my hat off on a dark night. Now there's a radical thought with which to start off the New Year.

Going back to their roots

Houseplants feel homesick, too. By Paul Simons

and attention. They are its native home in Tanzania houseplants, and the reason it's fed by mists rolling off the understand their ecology, The key to growing many houseplants is to appreciate the life of their great grandparents in the wild, where they are often superbly adapted to tough environments.

Centrally heated homes are most humid rooms. so dry that to most plants they feel like a desert. That's line light, so in our insipid winter sunshine they go into a sort of during which they should be left unwatered.

dry indoor air is a big headache. Begonias, tittonias, marantas and calatheas are among plants adapted to humid air, and the African understand plant behaviour.

dowsills are homesick from the air through the fine hairs carpeting its leaves - in why their leaves turn brown. Indian Ocean. There are ways wither is because we don't standing the pots on wetstone, putting saucers of water under the leaves, misting feaves, standing groups of plants together so they keep each other moist, or putting them in kitchens and bathrooms, which are usually the

Forest floor plants are also superbly adapted to scavengfor cacti and succulents, but ing for light in a dark envibe warned that these plants runment. Begonius even have are also used to strong sun-miniature spectacles peppered across their leaves to help focus beams of light plant version of hibernation down inside, and the crimson undersides of their leaves act like the silver backing on mir-But for houseplants from rors, reflecting back any light damp tropical rainforests, the into the leaf. So these plants appreciate being well away from sunny windowsills where they ll fry to death.

Sometimes you need to

♠ itting on millions of win- violet actually drinks moisture. If your Indian rubber plant sheds its leaves it's often because it hasn't been watered, so the plant thinks it's the start of a full-blown Indian drought and time to flowers shrivel, and stems of providing extra humidity: drop its leaves to seal up any water leaks. But after a good watering it seems like the monsoon season has arrived. so the plant puts on a big spurt of growth.

In fact, watering houseplants can be a minefield- too much and you can give your little darlings ine plant equivalent of a heart attack; too little and they wilt. But one plant is impossible to overwater - the umbrella plant. A cousin of papyrus, used to growing in swamps and riverbanks, it is extremely happy standing in a jar of water with a bit of soil at the bottom.

If you've got a real knack for throttling houseplants, it's worth considering some realttough characters. The Kentia palm comes from the Lord Howe Islands in the South Pacific, where it's battered by sally winds and shrouded in line every now and again.



deep shade from neighbouring trees. This makes it a masochistic houseplant, tolerating draughts, lack of water, overwatering and near darkness. Other plants can put up with intense sun, heat and dryness and even the inferno of a nearby radiator. the succulent crown of thorns from the arid lands of Madegasear and mother-in-law's longue from the dry east of South Africa, for example, And the weird air-plants from the treetops of Central America are so tough they can be left dangling in mid-air withour soil and only a light mist-

Your home is full of interesting ecological niches. For instance, don't be afraid of using cold, draughty windowsills at this time of year because to a flowering bulb plant they feel like bliss - a reminder of the mountains of Turkey where most of them originally come from, and where they flower in the bitter cold of early spring. This is why cyclamens, hyacinths. miniature daffodils and snowdrops shrivel up in warm rooms: they think it's summer and time to die back into their bulbs or corms for the

summer drought, Sad to say, many of these

Some like it damp: begonias come from have an aversion

plants might be thriving indoors, but out in the wild their relatives are suffering a wretched life. Many tons of wild flowering bulbs are being dug up in Turkey for the European horticulture trade, and it's worth asking whether the bulbs you buy are picked from the wild or artificially propagated. Other plants are suffering from greedy plant collectors and the loss of their homes - some of those big cacti and cycads you see in office atriums were originally stripped out illegally from Mexico and Africa. Maybe one of the cruelest ironies is that the African violet is now one of the world's most popular houseplants, but in Tanzania it's only got one tochold left in the forests of the Usamhara hills.

> This article is based on a six-part television series. 'Potted Histories', on 88C2, 9.50-10pm, starting 4 January, with an accompanying book (BBC, £9.99).



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Dositively the last word on companion planting... A newspaper cutting was sent in by D T Holm of Colchester who thinks it came from the Essex County Standard in the early 1980s. The columnist is a commercial grower. Stanley Peck, who had been asked for advice on companion planting. "Living plants," he writes "are affected by aromas, exudations from leaves and especially roots of other plants; and also by soil micro-organisms. Thus heathers transplanted in erica soil are assisted by living

organisms which help them take, yet any frame lettuce plant infilled amongst growing crops never makes up." Suffolk growers, he points out, find that broad beans intercropped between potatoes produce beavily and if rows of earthed up potatoes are spaced widely enough, brassicas do well between the rows. Mr Peck also draws

on German research which

indicates that cabbage grown

close to celery is less likely to be affected by hostile microorganisms in the soil. Celery, dwarf beans and cabbage all live together bappily but cabbages and strawberries fight, as do all brassicas and

runger beans. The Dutch traditionally grow leeks and onions with carrots, but members of the allium family do not do well with broad beans, peas, or runner beans. Mr Peck himself grew sunflowers in his onion beds, not for the decorative effect, but because they will indicate when the

onions need watering. Underneath cloches, lettuce, peas and carrots grow together, but tomatoes and early potatoes, despite being members of the same family do not like being near each other. Nuthing flourishes under walnuts or sycamore, but ground where brambles have been burnt or where nettles grew always produce good crops. Nettles contain iron and potash, brambles are rich in magnesium.

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Have you got a licence for that leek?

You may have missed some of the year's best rural stories. Here we round them up, and add a red herring of our own. By William Hartston

veryday tales of countryfolk do | a spokesman for the dancers not always make it to the pages of the national press, so here is a round-up of some you may have missed. In the spirit of seasonal mendacity, we have also included one tale entirely of our own invention. See if you can shoot down the decoy in this game and win a prize. Details of bow to enter the competition are given at the end of the news items.

Boycott and batter BA

Leeds University has become the first in the country to offer a BA degree course in Yorkshireness. The six-year, part-time course includes items related to whippets, cricket and Yorkshire puddings. According to the course bead, Dr Tony Donajgrodzki, "It involves a lot of hard work [graft], dealing with the social, economic and cultural history of Yorkshire."

A company on the Orkney island of Flotta is cultivating seaweed to sell to soccer teams. The test centre at Orkney Water has spent more than 20 years developing agricultural and horticultural uses for seaweed, but this is their first venture into football. The new product is an extract of brown kelp which is expected to act as a growth stimulant on pitches.

The joy of cubes Some time before the recent dispute over genetically engineered tomatoes, Leo Wilson, a tomatogrowing gypsy from Scarborough, announced his own success at improving the traditional design without the use of genetics. After years of experimentation, he has developed a tomato with a square cross-section. "I grew a square tomato," he said, "because with six

Uncooperative bank

sides it is easier to slice."

The Ferret Welfare Society has been refused a bank account on the grounds that ferrets may be used to hunt rabbits. A spokesman for the Co-op bank said that they will not support any organisation involved in blood sports. An official of the society. however, said it was "a completely barmy decision" because its main activity is in raising money to pay vets' bills and support abandoned animals.

Victory for goats

A court in Taunton issued an injunction against a group of morris dancers after a farmer claimed they were upsetting his goats. When the morrismen danced each Sunday lunchtime in the carpark of a local pub, the goats showed "clear signs of distress" according to the farmer. who also produced figures showing that their milk vield was significantly lower on the days following morris dancing. "It's a ridiculous decision,"

protested. "We have as much right to be there as the goats."

Birds strike back

A bird-scaring plan in a north
Yorkshire village backfired badly.
Villagers rigged up a loudspeaker to
play a recording of a hird in distress
in the belief that it would frighten other birds away. Instead they soon found themselves besieged by a screeching black cloud of hirds who had gathered to investigate the source of the noise. As the birds swooped down, councillors and tourists dived for cover. "It was straight out of Hitchcock's The Birds," said the parish clerk.

Render unto Caesar

A sheep bas been knitted a sweater out of its own wool, Cecilie Telle, a fine art and tapestry student at the Royal College of Art, made the sweater, which has four leg holes and short sleeves, from freshly sheared, unbleached wool. "It's a simple matter of taking something from the sheep and then giving it back," she explained; "an interaction with

Canine cleanliness

An entrepreneurial couple, Greg Booth and Joanna Hibberd of Wheatfield, Oxfordshire, bave imported an idea from Australia to offer a new service to Britain's dog owners. They have bought an old British Telecom van and installed a hydrobath in it to create Britain's first mobile dog bath business. The cost of baving your dog washed is £7.50 a time and the company is called Dee-O-Gees. "We're sure we are on to a winner," they said.

Cambridge Council came up with an original solution to a problem caused by thin cattle. Its herd of Friesian cross cattle grazing on Midsummer Common, were creating difficulties by straying through the barriers that were supposed to keep them on the field. The council had tried narrowing the barriers, but ran into objections from townsfolk who were then unable to get their bicycles and prams through. The council resolved the problem by reverting to the original barriers and replacing all the cattle with fatter animals.

Like rabbits

Sussex police were spared the effort of responding to a burglar alarm, when the shop owner rang them to explain that it bad been triggered by "sexually over-active rabbits".

Fish catches man

A giant eel nearly caught a fisherman in Loch Long in Scotland. Cameron Bell, a diving instructor, went hunting in the Loch with three of his students, hoping to catch a 6ft-long conger eel. The prey, however, lunged and caught him in a tangle of fishing line. Mr Bell was dragged by the eel at high speed. 60ft under water. Ten hours later, he was found lying hy a road near the loch. He had escaped from the eel by cutting the line with a knife, but does not recall coming back to the surface.

Weevil dating

A puh in St Albans is claiming to he Britain's oldest inn after the discovery of two weevils in an ancien malting oven. Found during an archaeological dig, the mites have been identified as Tarratostichus stussineri, which come from the Carpathians and eastern Alps. According to a spokesman for the local museum, they must have come over with the Romans, which tentatively dates the pub back to between 60 and 250AD.

A woman in Long Eaton, Notts, noticed an eagle owl sitting 80ft up on an electricity pylon near her home. Seeing the bird remain motionless for some time, she became concerned for its state of health and telephoned an animal rescue group. When a rescuer arrived some time later, the bird was still there, so he climbed the pylon to see if he could help it. He descended soon after, to report that it was a dummy, put on the wire by engineers to scare off starlings.

Dangerous vegetable

A man was charged with attempted robbery after allegedly brandishing a leek at an NCP car park office in Swansea. He was reported to have entered the office and threatened staff with what appeared to be a gun. No money was handed over and a Carmarthen man with a leek in a Tesco bag was later taken into

Raging bull tames

Police marksmen were called in to Ashford market. Kent. after a halfton bullock named Fred escaped by leaping a six-foot fence. He caused bavoc, running half a mile across town, but was finally pacified not by police tranquillisers but by a more basic device brought in by the market manager: Daisy the cow. When the secret weapon was produced Fred became quite docile and was led back to safety.

If you think you have spotted the fictional item in the above, simply write its headline on a postcard and send it, with your name and address to: Rural Cowpat, The Independent Weekend, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL. The first correct answer out of a hat will win a bottle of champagne.



Our fields turned brown as biscuits, and the sheer, sustained heat gave a sense of impending doom. Was the life to be burnt out of everything?

ow short is our meteorological memory! As I stoke up the wood-hurning stoves, it seems inconceivable that for day after day in the summer I went for walks in nothing but swimming trunks and trainers, and still poured with

Did we really spend hours labo-riously watering flowers and veg-etables to keep them alive? Were the grass fields really so burnt that they became as bleached as the stubbles? Did the beech trees really look as though they were about to throw up their branches and die?

Yes - all these things happened. The summer of '95 will go down in history as a scorcher, and even if many details have already faded, some will remain etched in my

In June the smell of bay hung over the fields so thick that you felt you could cut down chunks and eat them; hut already there was a sense of menace in the air, for the sun was so hot, and the ground so dry, that it seemed impossible the shorn grass would ever shoot again. With growth at a standstill, the price of hay went mad, rising to three times its normal level as farmers began to stockpile. For weeks their alarm appeared justiried: there was no second growth



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of grass, no second cut of hay or silage. So short did fodder become that some people began feeding precious hay to cattle before July was out.

In our area we were lucky. Occasional thunderstorms kept pastures green for longer than else-where - and never will I forget the lightning bolt which shattered a tree in our steep churchyard. I described in an earlier column bow I was out walking when the deluge began, and how I saw the strike go in. So huge was the stricken cedar that the cost of felling it, cutting it up and restoring the damage came to more than

In the end even our own fields

sense of impending doorn. Was the life to be burnt out of everything?

fn August a stay on the Cornish coast only increased my apprehension. The sea was so delicious that we swam before breakfast, lunch and supper, but the beaches were packed solid, and the atmosphere was so hot and thick that one could scarcely breathe. Later that month, as I passed through Birmingham airport on the way to Scotland, an electronic thermometer outside the terminal was hovering between 96 and 97F.

"In the end," we kept telling our-selves, "it must rain properly" - and in the end it did. Unfortunately we were not at home to witness the ensuing miracle, but everyone who saw it said that it was incredibly swift. One day the fields were brown: the next they had gone green again. Incredible secondary growth followed. Somehow plants and earth had stored up their energy through the barren months. and now they let it go in a late orgy. The trees did the same: having looked as though they were on the point of extinction, they surged back to life and held on to their

leaves far past the usual term. And so, after good autumn rains, over for a few winters yet.

turned brown as hiscuits, and the we congratulated nature on its sheer, sustained heat created a amazing ability to restore a balance. A trip through Tipperary seemed to confirm our optimism. "A grand soft day, is it not!"
exclaimed everyone we met, as mist swept over the sodden landscape, and the drifting tang of peat-smoke filled the sky with melancholy. There at least nothing

had changed. Back home, however, I read yet another official report which says that global warming is not nivth but reality. Had the great heat of '95 been a harbinger of things to

come? The reason people hope for, and bet on, a white Christmas, is surely that, deep down, they long for a traditional end to the year. They hanker after the kind of crunching cold recorded by the Rev. Francis Kilvert, who described in his diary how, at midnight on New Year's Eve, 1871, he went outside and listened to church bells

ringing faintly "across the snow". The fact that we have had a dose of cold weather this time is certainly reassuring. Seasonal snow gives the feeling that our climate may not, after all, be changing drastically, and that Santa will have something for his runners to glide

We lay 5,000 yards of hedge each winter, thanks to all those bureaucrats

We start work at dayhreak and carry on till dark. I making the most of the light. Hedge-laying is a winter job you have to do it when the sap is down or you damage the trees. The season starts when the leaves come off - say October - and we keep going till they come out again in May. Now they're telling us we have to knock off by March because of nesting birds.

"Most days we're working by half-eight. We'll stop a couple of times - say for 15 minutes at 10.30 - for some bait [a snack]. Then back to work, with another quick break - maybe 20 minutes for dinner. With days so short you can't stop for longer. Of course, we have to sharpen the saws and billhooks, too - especially if there's a lot of stones in the ditches. Sometimes we can go on all day without bothering, it just depends on the edge.

"We work as a team of two or three and hope to do 50 to 70 yards a day, lopping off the outside hranches and half-curting through the trunks - far enough to topple them over to lie in a three-foot wall - you always leave enough bark to let them grow on. mind! Then we go hack, putting stakes in to hold the hedge steady



COUNTRY LIVES

Daniel Butler talks to Geoff Rhys, hedge layer in Radnorshire

and what we call "heatherings" 15-20 foot stakes which you interweave along the top to make sure the thing doesn't come up with the wind.

"I once worked in a factory and hated it. The money was good, but the boredom was terrible. I love this job because it's out in the fresh air and we're always on the

Wood is another perk. A lot of farms now have oil-fired heating and don't want it. By taking it away, we're doing them a favour. I sell it as firewood locally. are a hedge's worst enemy."

I get £50 for a two-ton load. There's a downside of course

the weather. The season's so short you've got to put up with whatever it throws at you. Mind you, we stop if it's really wet or if there's heavy snow around the ditches - for safety, really. If you slip over with a chainsaw your leg's gone and if your gloves get wet the billhook can slip and you've lost a foot.

"We charge £2-£2.50 a yard, depending on how far gone the hedge is and the size of the job. Then there's the fencing on top: see, the main thing with a newlylaid hedge is it's got to be protected from stock with a fence on

both sides: that's another £1.70. "There aren't that many of us doing it now around here - certainly nor the younger guys like me. It's a dving art. I had two or three weeks' training at college. but to learn it properly you've just

got to do it. "Mind you, there's lots of work, thanks to the grants. Farm-ers are using these to the full, and we do 5,000 yards each winter thanks to all those bureaucrats in London and Brussels. But it's a pity the same people are paying the farmers to overstock - sheep

What to explore, where to celebrate,

A month-by-month travel calendar for the coming year. By Martin Scudamore

Climb...

... to 60,000ft for the 20th anniversary of the first commercial flight of Concurde on 21 January. You won't be able to replicate the maiden jour-ney from Heathrow to Bahrain, but a return to New York is available at £4,633 through British Airways (0345-222111). If you can't afford the fare, it's only £6 to climb the steps to one of the prototype Concordes at the Imperial War Museum's branch at Duxford near Cambridge (01223 835000).

... aboard the vessels at the London Boat Show at Earls Court, which takes place from 5 to 14 January and boasts more than 650 exhibitors and 800 craft, as well as more marine equipment and accessories than you could shake a snorkel at. There will be waterskiing and windsurfing displays; you can try dinghy sailing (free for children), canoeing, rowing and steering radio-controlled models, sail-hoisting and simulations of powerboats. Ticket Hotline: 01733-890187. If you climb aboard a bus or tube to get there after 7 January, you may be dismayed to find London Transport fares increased by up to 10 per cent. A one-sta-

tion journey in the central area will cost £1.10. London Underground is planning to steal an idea from the Paris Métro and introduce carnets of 10 tickets (price £10), but problems with machinery mean this may not happen until spring.

... the Tour Eiffel or the Grande Arche de la Defeose on a day-trip to Paris. From 8 January. the earliest Eurostar arrival at the Gare du Nord from London Waterloo is 10.23am. The same service stops at the new Ashford International station, and offers the most expensive rail journey in the world: a standard fare of £56.50 for the 37minute hop to Calais, costing well over £1 per mile.

... towards the top of the map of Britain. Robert Burns should be the subject of many a New Year's toast in Scotland tomorrow night as 1996 is the 200th anniversary of the poet's death. The celebrations will be getting into gear for Burns Night on 29 January. His home ground around Ayr is now accessible from Essex on the Ryanair service (0171-435 7101) from Stansted to Prestwick.

Celebrate...

... the end of Ramadan, the Islamic month of fasting by day. You could take a holiday as far east as Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim country. Take a train ride through Java. stopping to explore Yogjukarta (com-plete with Sultan's palace) and to climb the smoking volcano Mount Bromo just beyond Surabaya in the east. Get there with an enticing new ticket innovation: British Airways' Navigator fares, which give you maximum flexibility on round-the-world itineraries, both in terms of destinations and airlines. BA is selling these tickets only through specialist opera-

Dubai £449

... the Chinese New Year. At midnight on 19 February, the boar relinquishes control of the heavens to a rat. Prominent "raturians" include Shakespeare, Mozari and Marlon Brando. Vir-gin Holidays (01293 617181) organises short breaks to both Hong Kong and San Francisco; westbound, three days for

. the fact that the Foreign Office says it's now safe to go to the Gambia. try learning the drums there. Drumbreaks Africa (01392 427564) organises drumming workshops for all levels in Brikama, Gambia.

£399; eastbound, £629 for five nights.

... the Leicester Comedy Festival from 9 to 18 February, The biggest variety of comedy events ever to take place under one umbrella: more than 70 events at 30 venues

in 10 days including dance. theatre, visual arts, carrooning. street enterrainment, children's events and stand-up. Performers include Felix Dexter, Jenny Eclair, festival patron Sean Hughes, Julian Clary and Little and Large. Premium rate festival hotline: 0891-100702,

.. our Viking connections at the Jurvik Festival in York, 10-17 February. It's based on the original Vikings' Jolablot - the festive antidote to winter in the Northern lands. The Viking Longships Regatta, the Working Crafts Gallery

and the Warriors' Combat are mere appetisers for the Torchlit Procession, Boat Burning and Fireworks Finale, Most of these are free. Information Hotline: 01904 643212.

Play...

. with the bricks at the new Legoland. opening this month in Windsor. This is one place where you shouldn't end up searching fruitlessly under the sofa for the missing piece to finish your model. There are millions of bricks on the 150acre site, along with theatres, rides and "playscapes", set in woods and parkland in sight of Windsor Castle. You can learn to drive a car or a boat, hunt for pirate treasure in the tree-tops or design a building that can withstand an earthquake. Oh, and if you can't find someone to look after the kids, just bring them along – they'll probably enjoy it as well. Information: 099(t 626375.

tors such as Trailfinders (0171-937 5400) and | ... around in Denmark, the home of Lego.

Bridge the World (0171-911 0900). | Cnpenhagen's reign as European Capital of Cul-Cnpenhagen's reign as European Capital of Culture gets into gear. Danish Tourist Board: 0171-259 5958.

> ... the tables at Vegas after watching the Bruno-Tyson fight. Airtours (01706-260000) is running charters from Manchester, Luton and Gatwick

to Las Vegas for £319 return. To be sure of a ticket for the fight, call David Dryer Sports Tours (0181-

out without having to come home when it gets dark. Britain's biggest tourist attraction, Alton Towers, opens a wacky new hotel this month, Its most startling feature will be the giant "flying machine" - part hot-air balloon, part pirate ship and part lunar module, apparently designed in committee by Leonardo da Vinci, HG Wells and Heath Robinson - which greets guests as they enter the 37ft-high atrium. There's even a suite for chocoholics and another for fizzy-drinkoholics where you can gorge to grossness. Enquiries: 0990 204060.

rugby at the International Seven-a-side Competition in Hnng Kong (if selected; otherwise, you may have to be content to watch.) Numerous companies offer inclusive breaks in the Territory, such as Kuoni (0171-499 8636) and Cathay Pacific (0171-747 8888).

the dumb tourist in two new ex-Soviet destinations served from this month by British Airways: (0345 222111) Kiev in Ukraine and Almaty in Kazakhstan.

Explore...

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> ... Culloden for the 250th anniversary of the the last land battle on mainland Britain. From the anniversary on 16 April onwards, visitors to the National Trust for Scotland Visitor Centre at Culloden, near Inverness, can sec an exhibition called The Swords and the Sorrows. For the first time since the banle in 1746, many of the items used will be returned to their original site of use. Pistols, swords and personal effects, as well as portraits of many of the characters in the last Jacobite rebellion will be on display at the Centre. Information: 01463 790607.

Centre opens on 1 April, allowing visitors to experience the working conditions of the Victorian lead miner. The Mining Centre is open daily from April to October, and on Sundays in November. Information: 01388 537505.

... the streets of Rome, which are gaining more and more traffic-free areas, and experience the traditional Easter Sunday blessing in St Peter's Square. Italian State

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Eight hundred musicians have been commissioned to entertain in the evenings, where the festivities will go through to 2am. Even rail enthusiasts are catered for with the Park and Steam system which will operate from Ashton Gate, in addition to two more conventional Park and Ride schemes from the city-edge parks. Festival Office: 0117-922 1996.

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the canals of Venice along with hundreds of boats for Vogalonga, the annual pageant of La Sensa (Ascension Day) when ... England's highest (and lowest) Venice's marriage to the sea is commemorated. Inne. This equestrian extravaganza is tourist an raction. The new Park Level Visitor Mine at Kilhope Lead Mining for you, while its accommodation-only offshoot of the sea is commemorated. Sure that the trip for you, while its accommodation-only offshoot of the sea is commemorated. Sure that the trip for you, while its accommodation-only offshoot of the sea is commemorated. Sure that the trip for you, while its accommodation-only offshoot of the sea is commemorated. Sure that the trip for you, while its accommodation-only offshoot of the sea is commemorated. Sure that the trip for you, while its accommodation-only offshoot of the sea is commemorated. Sure that the trip for you, while its accommodation-only offshoot of the sea is commemorated. Sure that the trip for you, while its accommodation-only offshoot of the sea is commemorated. Sure that the trip for you, while its accommodation-only offshoot of the sea is commemorated. Sure that the trip for you, while its accommodation-only offshoot of the sea is commemorated. Sure that the trip for you, while its accommodation-only offshoot of the sea is commemorated. Sure that the trip for you, while its accommodation-only offshoot of the sea is commemorated.

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the Empire Way to Wembley Stadium for the kick-off in the European Champinnships, at 3pm on 8 June. Eogland (who take on Switzerland in the opeoing match) and Scotland are among the contenders. Well, it's not the winning, it's the taking part.

... to the wicket to face India's bowlers at Edg-baston for the First Test, 6 to 10 June.

, up the 199 steps to the ruined but still aweinspiring Whithy Abbey, perched on the cliff-top above the harbour, for the Whithy Festival (8 to 23 June). Without local hero Captain Cook, born here in 1729, we might oever have had to face

the Aussies at cricket. Whitby also bas associations with Count Dracula, and for those who like a chilling tale along with their walk, Harry Col-lett becomes "The Man in Black" to scare visitors nightly with macabre stories, including that of the "Barguest", an infernal black bound whose haying how foretells the death of anyone unfortunate enough to hear it. Ghost Walks or Heritage Walks: 01947 602138; Whitby Festival details: 01947 604855 or 602674.

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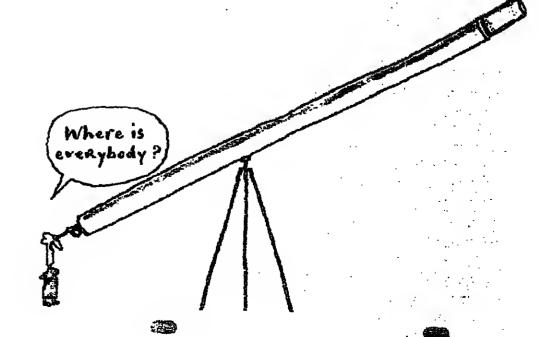
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... fish and chips in West Yorkshire, visiting Harry Ramsden's new museum at Guiseley. The museum will trace the history of the deep-fry-

ing magnate, and features Harry's original hut where he first fried fish and chips in 1928. Harry Jr., aged 74, is consultant to the project, ensuring the accurate restoration of fixtures, fittings and decor.

garlic and other produce at the Garlic Festival, a big family show in the parish of Newchurch on the Isle of Wight. This is the 12th year; at the start the local farmer was the only garlic grower



which confuses drinkers by starting halfway through September, Moswin Tours 10116 271 4982) is among the more sedate operators; .

.. wine at Lake Garda, where the Bardolino wine festival is an annual treat.

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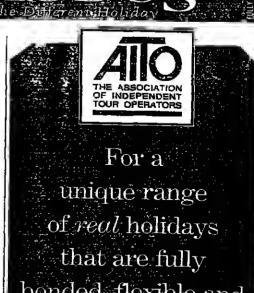




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Where the world begins and ends each day

Just east of New Zealand's tiny Chatham Islands is the invisible International Date Line. By Jeremy Hart

The Chatham Islands are specks of land so exposed they seem in danger of being blown away by the Roaring Forties. East of them is the area where the world begins and ends each day. Some of the balmy Tongan islands are closer to the invisible date line hut, in summer, nowhere sees the new dawn earlier than the 750 humans

and 250,000 sheep on the Chathams. Few New Zealanders have heard of this rocky dependency 400 miles from Wellington. The islands don't even appear on many New Zealand maps and such treatment has fuelled an air of secessionism. A flag of independence has even been designed. It depicts a green island and a brilliant rising sun on a blue background. The image is as optimistic as a Michael Fish weather forecast

"Only one in five dawns have a sunrise," said John Sutherland, owner of the islands' only tourist lodge. "No one watches the weather forecasts on TV. They are always the same and usually

The sea is the lifeblood of the Chathams. In the Sixties, cravfish were discovered in their thousands off the rocky cliffs. The cray boom that followed made millionaires out of the fishermen, who now drive £70,000 American pick-up trucks, ride more Harley Davidsons and own the highest number of fax machines per head anywhere in the world.

The cray boom was over in a matter of years, hut still Tokyo's fish market demands Chatham's crays and abalone. On the wharf at Waitangi, the island's only town, each boatload of crustaceans is worth up to £50,000. There isn't a poor fisherman on the island.

Yet it isn't just the seafood that put the Chathams on Japanese maps. On New Year's Eve 1989, Japanese television beamed live pictures of the first dawn of the 1990s from Manakau Point, one of the most easterly promontory's on the islands. John Sutherland helped co-ordinate the broadcast.

They flew in two cargo planes of

equipment, paid the \$22,000 lodge bill from a brown paper bag of notes and drank 600 cans of Steinlager," he recalled. "But they had no idea what

they were doing.
"They had promised free tucker and booze out at the Point and seven hundred people turned up. That's almost all the islanders. Then it pissed down with rain. Luckily the Japanese team bad recorded the sunrise from the day before to show people what the dawn here can look like."

In reality there is only one place to beach below Ken and Eva Lanauze's Kahuitara Point. Past Kahuitara, the bomestead on Pitt Island. Chatham's next stop is Chile, 4,000 miles ahead tiny neighbour. The problem is getting

across to Pitt. The 55 islanders (the population recently rose by 13 per cent when Eva's daughter Bernie returned to her birthplace with her five children) are dependent on a five-seat Air Chatbams Cessna to get on and off a waterlogged airstrip. Twice our flight to the gorsetufted islet was cancelled.

Getting anything on or off Pitt calls for a miracle. Last year's wool is still bundled 10ft high on Pitt's Flowerpot view is to the east, over green, water-logged fields and sandy cliffs to an elecwharf. Five times the monthly ship to the mainland has been forced away by

"I was only born on the island because it was too rough to get me to some beautiful sunrises here and we're



The best place to see in the dawn is from Pitt Island, the only problem is getting there

the hospital on Chatham. That was

before the plane," shouted Bernie

from the front of her four-wheel

motorbike, the only sensible transport

scones in a windblown wooden house.

A giant satellite disb was bidden

and direct dial telephones came to the

islands at the same time four years ago.

"Great for the kids, but it's ruined the

art of conversation," said Eva, pulling

at the start of each new day. "We get

more scones out of the oven.

across the peaty landscape.

and a day behind.

tric-blue ocean.

Photograph: Julia Thome

always aware that we are the first to see

tire of." Thirty years on from the cray boom. suarises over the Southern Ocean We had brought 20 litres of fuel over could bring the Chathams a second from Chatham on the plane, to keep wave of wealth. It will be the first place to see the dawn of the new Millennium.

each new day. It's not something you

the bike roadwortby. Four of us clung to its muddy luggage rack for the 20-On the rocks below the Lanauze watch the dawn in the islands, on the minute jolt along rutted tracks to homestead, Pitt islanders, television crews and a handful of tourists (reputedly willing to pay up to £75,000) will witness the first dawn of the 21st Cen-We sat drinking coffee and eating tury. Pitt sees the dawn a minute before Chatbam and over an hour before Gisborne, the most easterly

hetween bushes behind it. Television town in New Zealand. Gisborne is already booked up for the Millennium celebrations, but the islanders take great delight in mocking the mainlanders' plans. "Last New Year's Day, just as the sun came up The sun beamed in through expansive double-glazed windows. The only here, I called the radio station in Gisborne and asked them if it was light yet," joked John Sutherland. "Of

course it wasn't" Ken and Eva are proud of their place neur, claims to have signed rights to the ably more than Pitt will ever have.

suspicion is part of their psyche, none committees on the Chathams, covering of the three landowners will admit to signing with his First Light organisa- annual New Year's horse races. They

"We've given them permission to do

a trial run here hefore the Millennium, and if we are happy we will look at their plan," said a cautious Eva. "We want to make sure the plan will benefit the whole island."

The excitement of massive, tented villages and CNN broadcasting from Pitt could all be scuppered by the fickle Roaring Forties climate. "They could spend a lot of money getting here and not even see a sunrise. Knowing Pitt. it will probably be foggy," laughed Eva. Getting out to Pitt. and back, was an

achievement. Ocean flying, especially in a plane that lets in the rain through the windscreen surround, is not for the nervous of disposition.

After Pitt, Chatham Island felt like burse it wasn't"

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and a general store – but that's prob-

three most easterly points on Pitt and Chatham Islands, but on islands where tangi for a Friday night. There are 60 remarked.

How to get there

The Chatham Islands are best approached via New Zealand. Australian Flight Centre (0500 727747) has a lare of £775 (including tax) to Auckland on British Airways/Qantas in March, if you book by close of business tomorrow. not, plenty more cut-price fares are available from discount agents to Auckland and Christchurch. The only flights to the Chatham Islands are twice weekly on Air New Zealand from Christchurch, and cost around £140.

Where to stay

Chatham Island Lodge, PO Box 43, Waitangi, Chatham Islands (00 64 3 305 0196).

Where else to see in the Millennium

Greenwich: the origin of measurements of time and space for the whole planet. Sydney: venue for the Olympic Games in

the year 2000.

Balboa, Panama Canal Zone: due to be handed back by the United States to Panama at noon on 31 Occember 1999. St Paul, Minneapolis: birthplace of the artist lormerly known as Prince. "Tonight we're gonna party like it's 1999..."



siphon off a huge number of the islanders each night. As does Chatham

Island Television. From five to 11. everything from The Bill to Knight Rider is played on tapes flown in (God-willing) weekly. The only live programme is the six o'clock news from Auckland, shown at 6.45pm. The Chathams sit in their own 45

minute time zone. For five dollars, whilst the rest of New Zealand watches shampoo and dog biscuit commercials, islanders can type their own advertisements and messages on Chatham Islands TV. One made me glad I had eaten at the lodge, and not the pub. "There are no bar meals tonight. The cook has food

poisoning."

John Sutherland chortled as he a thriving metropolis. Chatham doesn't cleared away our plates and wandered have much - occasional tarred roads. over to turn off the television. As he reach for the knob, the weather flashed up on the screen. Uncharacteristically. it made him pause, then laugh out loud. "Tomorrow it will be flat-arse calm," he

This has been the best year yet for people prepared to take a chance on finding a last-minute holiday bargain. and one of the worst for the mass-market travel industry. One in three of package holidays from the UK were

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booked late and at a discount, Since the disastrous (for them) and delightful (for us) month of August, when four operators were almost pay-ing people to take peak-season holidays, there have been warnings from the trade about a cut in capacity, to teach us consumers a lesson. With fewer holidays on sale, the theory goes, prices will rise and there will he no need for large-scale discounting. Ninety-nine pound holidays which many of us enjoyed, were to become as extinct as Intasun.

Yet as the big holiday sell has gained momentum this week, what should pop up on Wednesday but a wide selection of £99 holidays courtesy of Airtours. Charles Newbold, managing director of Britain's biggest tour operator, counters with the promise of "Thomson holidays at last-minute prices without waiting until the last minute." Travel agents are going into a frenzy of discounting to match the sale fever elsewhere in the High Street. To me, your summer holiday does not look much like a commodity in short supply.

The travel industry is clinging to the hope that every operator will reduce capacity as promised, which should cut the number of package holidays by a million. Yet even in the unlikely event that the industry sticks to its guns, this does not mean that a million people will suddenly discover in August that there is nowhere to go.

Package tour operators may have been too busy dreaming up marketing schemes to notice that a fares war of stupendous proportions is about to break out on the Channel. After the Tunnel doubled capacity on the shortsca routes, the ferry companies have done the exact opposite of what any rational observer would expect; they have increased capacity still further. If there are not enough air holidays to go around, then the surface operators can be relied upon to come up with alternatives - and, no doubt, those of us who decide late will get discounts.

So how can we be persuaded to book early? Britain's biggest travel agency chain. Lunn Poly, believes it has an answer (funded, like most agency discounts, by overpriced insurance). You book your holiday in January and take it in August, but don't have to pay until the following year. I am all in favour of marketing innovations that benefit the consumer, but I fear Lunn Poly could be biting off quite a lot with this new trick. For a start, its sales potential could rebound in a year's time. Just as all the advertising to persuade you to book a new holiday starts, the bill comes in from the previous one.

Worse still, our files are full of holiday atrocity stories, where things have not turned out as sunnily as the brochure promised. The theme common to most grumbles is, "I want my money back." If no money has changed hunds, the dissatisfied customer can see an obvious remedy. Judging by the vitriol of some complainants, I would not want to be the one asking for cash.

Yet for all the doom-laden prophecies, Britain's travel industry looks in fair shape to continue to provide the best-value holidays of any country in the world. Happy new horizons.

The chalet-hotel is in a grey area. Is it an overgrown chalet or a hotel with a chummy atmosphere?

We all know what constitutes a Snow's up constitutes a categoric should be less than the less than t constitutes a catered chalet. But the chalet-hotel is increasingly a grey area; it can be an overgrown chalet, or it can be more of a hotel with a chummy, house-party atmosphere. On the one hand, this leads to a wider choice of styles of holiday. On the other, it means you need to be careful to pick the one that is right for you.

The basics are clear enough. A chalet-hotel (or a club chalet, or a jumbo chalet) is a building that is big enough to be a hotel, run by a British tour operator along traditional catered chalet lines, with British staff. Because in many cases the building has indeed been run as a hotel in the past, you get some benefits not normally associated with chalets - in particular, bedrooms of a decent size, with en suite bathrooms. Because it's big, the inmates eat at a number of separate tables, rather range of reasonably priced bottles. The than in the traditional refectory style – place still operates as a hotel, so if normally pot luck. There is often a bar, which may or any many the still operates as a hotel, so if you're lucky you'll find not all the guests are British. which may or may not be open to nonresidents: indeed, some of Mark another non-standard chalet-hotel -Warner's chalet-hotels in Verhier and Val d'Isère, especially, are major hubs

risked a further generalisation: that is the Cristallo, in Courmayeur, offered

By Chris Gill

chalet-botels were neither stylish nor luxurious, being based on rather cheerless old hotels that were in need of investment to prolong their active life. Not so now.

My recent review of the best chalets in the key resorts of Méribel, Courchevel and Val d'Isère included one -FlexiSki's 20-bed Lodge Nogentil that retains all the style and warmth of the charming little French-run hotel that until this season it was. This place departs more than most from chalet norms. The bedrooms are excellent, while sitting space downstairs is at a premium. Dinner is served when you want it (within certain limits); wine is not included in the price, but there is a

A few weeks back, I discovered again, still formally registered as a hotel - but one that is a lot bigger (more than 70 beds), and a lot cheaper (less A year or two back, I might have than £500 except in half-term week). It in a small onc, but on holiday I'd go to

as a British-run chalet-hotel for the first time this winter by Bladon Lines.

The Cristallo is a three-star hotel renovated with great style only a couple of years ago. Heavily curved wooden doors lead to mostly spacious bedrooms, well equipped with glossy bath-rooms in classic Italian style. The firstfloor sitting room (with bar) is atmospheric and welcoming. And the position is pretty well unbeatable. It is just off the pedestrianised Via Roma at the captivating heart of Courmayeur, close to some of the very best bars, and a tolerable stroll from the cable-car that is the start and finish of the skiing day in this emphatically not purpose-built

I left the enveloping charm of Cour-mayeur and the Cristallo for the brutality of Tignes. Happily, the chalesbotel where I was accommodated there is traditional in style: Ski Olympic's brand-new 42-bed chalet Rosset has the pitched roof that French resort architects have been forced to revert to, and a bright, pleasant interior. Having been built as a chalet rather than a hotel, the Rosset does not have notably spacious bedrooms. Ski Olympic describes them as "small to medium in size"; my colleague and I were grateful to collapse some lengths to hag a medium one.

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There are plenty of literary pretensions in "this lovely, ugly town" - Kingsley Amis cut his teeth here. And if, as he did, you like the odd drink, you've come to the right place

It's not the "City By The Bay" that Tony Bennett crooned about. And lunlike San Francisco, it has no tramcars (the last one meandered to Mumbles more than 30 years ago). Swansea does not present its best face to the traveller. Entering by road or rail, you are confronted by evidence of its industrial origins. Still, at least the presence of an oil terminal on the city boundary means that four star is competitively priced.

Much of the city centre resembles a post-war architectural desert, the concrete buildings thrown up after intensive levelling by the Luftwaffe. So why go to Swansea? Sadly, it can't be for a paddle. The

beautiful beaches of the nearby Gower peninsula are pleasant enough, but there was a spate of viruses at Oxwich Bay a couple of summers ago, allegedly caused by entering the water here.

Best perhaps to dip into a good book. This year. Swansea has been revelling in its role as 1995 UK City of Literature and Writing. The languid figure of Dylan Thomas casts a somewhat alcoholic shadow over the city. Thomas was raised here. and later made his home in the small seaside town of Laugharne, 30 miles away, "This lovely, ugly town," he called Swansea, but the Festival organisers chose to accentuate the positive. Indeed, they managed to entice former US President Jimmy Carter to be honorary president of the celebrations on the back of his admiration for Thomas.

In the glossy Festival brochure. two other Swansea literary figures were conspicuous by their absence. One, the late Kingsley Amis, was a former university feeturer in the city and was well known for his curmudgeonly reputation. He even



accused Thomas of heing outstandingly unpleasant and peeing on

his friends' carpets, heaven help us. But the most glaring omission was that of John Toshack, football idol and the Third Man of Swansea literature. The title of his slim volume of poetry, Gosh It's Tosh, whets one's appetite. It was written while he was leading the Liverpool attack. Toshack later created sporting history when, as player-manager, he took Swansea City to the old First Divi-

Overcoming a cruel accident of birth (he first saw the light of day in Cardiff), Toshack quickly became a folk hero in Swansea and now lives locally. Despite this, his poetry did not feature anywhere in the city's celebrations. A cruel oversight, but let's compensate with a quick quote:

sion for the only time in their

We're coming in to land at Speke, My legs are feeling very weak, We've just returned from Barcelona, And now I'm going for a sauna.

(From 'Return From Spain', Duckworths, 1978).

But back to the question - why go to Swansea? Have I mentioned the best market in the British Isles. where you can huy seaweed to fry with bacon for breakfast: fresh cockles from Penclawdd, and melt-inyour-mouth cakes? Or the pubcrawling potential offered by the hostelries lining the sweep of the bay between the city and nearby Mumbles?

Did I tell you about the St Helen's Ground, where you can watch cricketers toil as the oil tankers negotiate the sandhanks of Swansea Bay? Glamorgan's Malcolm Nash was once bludgeoned for six sixes in an over here by Gary Sobers. "Think I'll write a book about this." mused the bowler, 'Anyone know what to call it?" The most sympathetic suggestion was Gone With The Wind.

That's the sort of literary pretension they have in Swansea. Who needs Kingsley Amis and his sort?

'Everyone you meet is a bar-room historian'

Quotes of the year from our travel correspondents

"The sky and the sea had merged into an ugly grey damp which the wind, direct from Greenland, was washing across the promenade." - Jim White in Blackpool, 28 January

"At the city's heart is a cathedral that knows few equals in Europe, with a spire of such flaky delicacy it seems the work of the confectioner's rather than the mason's art." - Tim Salmon in Strasbourg, 11 February

"Washing facilities for perspiring hikers comprise a bowl of hot water carried from the kitchen through a field of friendly sheep" - Teresa Allan at Bluck Sail Hut youth hostel, 18

"Captain (one), disc jockey (one), gentlemen escorts (eight)" - the staff list on the Queen Elizabeth 2, 11 March

"Suddenly, the texture of the snow changed; it became lumpy and relatively heavy, leading one of our number to take an awkward but fortunately survivable fall. We had skied into an avalanche." - Chris Gill in the Silvretta ski area on the Swiss-Austrian border, 25 March

The glittering soft sand went on as far as the eye could see. Bit hy bit the kookaburras hegan their rude cawcaws. Then from nowhere a boy on horseback appeared, crashing through the waves, arms thrown hack in glec." - Esther Oxford in the Gambia, 25 March

"They seem to like Hulme - some of them say it reminds them of East Berlin before the Wall came down" - Robin Pike, proprietor of the Mr Beds hostel in Manchester, on whi Germans are his biggest customers, 1 April (but not an April Fool)

"The pick-up point was Huddersfield station on Christmas Eve morning, 1986. A man with a clipb are pointed to three huses and shouted 'First coach goes to Moscow, t'second goes to Leningrad, t'third to Bingley market." - Alex Shorrocks reminiscing about the late, great Yorkshire Tours, 15 April

"There are plenty of fluffy puppies gambolling around - which the Bataks eat. Horses too, in fact anything going. They used to eat each other." - Harries O'Brien in Samosir, Indonesia, 3 June.

"Frinton has a feel of the Fifties about it. There are plenty of ladies in cardigans and old gentlemen in ties. It looks like the kind of place John Major had in mind when he spoke of spinsters on hicycles and cricket on the village green." - Anne Spackman, 17 June

"Down at the village hall, people staked their territory around the floor by lining up their whisky bottles next to their chairs. Then they hit the dance floor."— Marion Hume in Scotland, 26 August

This is our guest house. We

use it for storing our enemies' heads" he said, smiling. We smiled back." Charlie English in Sarawak,

History is something you learn by the ton on the 250mile journey along the borderlands of Northern Ireland: here, everyone you meet is something of a bar-

in the in fistory and folklore." - Jonathan Glances

Outside the terminal, the air has a distinctive loamish smell of cowdung fires, cheap beedi cigarettes and earth that's been ploughed for a millennium. Hundreds of sleeping bodies lie on the pavement; they are labourers waiting for the next morning's flight to the Gulf but their presence gives an impression that the airport is the highwater mark of some catastrophe."
- Tim McGirk, Delhi, 4 November

"New York City is heading back to its waterways. The restless city, erected mostly on islands has nowhere to move so it reclaims riverfront and welland, rebuilds rotting docks and piers."

- Reggie Nadelson, 18 November

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The problem with France these days is less the French than the British. We're everywhere, and boy are we ugly."

- Serena Mackesy, Calois, 25 November

"Back in the bar, the faces on a huddle of Norwegians reveal the grim desperation of drinkers who realise they will shortly be back in the land of the £5 pint." - Simon Calder aboard the Color Viking, 23 December

Top: Queen Elizabeth 2, home to sight gentlemen escorts. Left: Batak carvings

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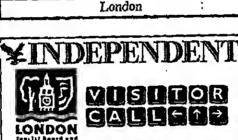
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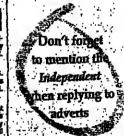
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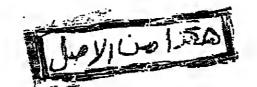
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property and motoring

What will happen to your house in 1996?

Property prospects for the new year are mixed. Anne Spackman assesses the possibilities for three sectors of the market



The young renter, Edward Longe, a 27-year-old banker, moved from one rented Lon- The single owner. Film producer Bob Baldwin in his loft-style. The Family, Last summer the Goodes moved from a seven-bedroom Victorian house in don flat to another, larger one last September. 'Until the bousing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Clerkenwell, London. There is a growing market picks up, I apartment in Cle





undidates in the annual game have this year produced such similar results that they might be accused of conferring. House prices in 1996 will rise by two per cent, is the experts' view. So the one thing most owneroccupiers can be sure of is that the value of their house will not rise by two per cent next year.

This is not cynicism - though given the accuracy of previous predictions, that might be justified. It is simply the realisation that a national prediction has become meaningless. If price rises average out at two per cent, most people are likely to see no rise or a higger rise depending on the kind of house they own. Two per cent is, in any case, such a tiny increase (£1,200 on a £60,000 house) that it falls well within normal negotiating margins.

For most in the property disappointment. The Halifax eign buyers it has had no impact ers decide to become buyers? cent in value, will see no im-Building Society believes the on the rest of the country. housing market went into a sec- Instead, those places which are the Joseph Rowntree Foundation either have to rent them out or ond recessionary dip from which it is now emerging. Prices in the mainstream market fell by nearly two per cent and the number of house sales fell to 1.15m - compared with 1.3m in 1994 and 2.1m in 1988. The effect has been to strengthen the notion that there may be good years and had years, but the general trend is one of stable prices and low volumes.

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The property market now shows signs of dividing into three broad sectors: at the bottom are

the former council houses, small extending their mortgage or huyhouse price guessing terraces and starter homes - hotbeds of negative equity, which remain almost impossible to sell; next comes the mainstream market epitomised by the three-hedroom semi where prices are flat and sales sluggish; finally there is the quality market for good homes in good locations, where demand outstrips supply.

If those homes are in London.

like to live, they are already likely to have seen prices recover by between 10 and 30 per cent since 1992. As the capital has grown into one of the major financial cities of the world demand for property - and prices - has grown with it. London increasingly operates separately from the rest of the UK housing market, and the market is expected to remain broadly flat for the next 18 months.

As London's recovery has hridge is doing well at the As a recent survey for the

Nationwide Building Society pointed out, fear and uncertainty in the housing market is primaring their first home because they were afraid of unemployment.

Now many estate agents and analysts believe the public has grown accustomed to job insecurity. They understand that this is as secure as it gets, according to Gary Marsh of the Halifax Building Society. He believes that if people need to move, they might as well do it. "The or the places London workers only other choice is to live in the central London rentals will ripsame house for ever."

Despite rent rises of up to 10 per

cent in 1995 the lettings market has continued to grow. In the cities, where renting now ac-counts for between 20 and 30 per cent of estate agency business, it has been the tenure of choice for thousands of young workers in their twenties and thirties. Everyone believes that practice will the lowest rungs of the housing continue. But could 1996 be the ladder. As a result, those small world, 1995 was a year of great been heavily influenced by for- year those first generation rent- flats which have lost up to 30 per

> performing best are other cities believe the shift from owning to stick it out, as they face their sevwith strong financial sectors, such renting has reached a plateau enth year of negative equity. as Leeds and Edinburgh, plus among young people. Winkthose areas with good commu- worth, the London chain active. The single owner nications. So mainline Cam- in this market, believes the same. "Six years ago, when the property expense of branchline Norwich, market collapsed, these buyers while the Bristol/Bath axis out- were in their early to mid-twenthirty." says Simon Agace, Winkworth's chairman. "As new priorities develop - for example

ceived as a desirable and even opers, "What you mean you huy necessary status. Even if diluted over a three of four year period, this group of waiting buyers still represents a concentration of demand that will almost cerrainly push up the value of two-

bedroom flats and houses in

good areas of London." Willie Gething of the huying agency Property Vision disagrees. He thinks the boom in ple out through the capital. "Corporations are not going to give their employees licence to buy," he says. "Nor will they pay huge rents. Instead, they will say the banker who lives in south Brooklvn can live in Clapham, rather than Kensington, when he trans-fers to London."

Common to all is the belief that when they do buy a home, these late starters will leap-frog Many say yes. Researchers for provement. Their owners will

There was a Monty Pethon sketch in which John Cleese played a husinessman who marvelled at the way charities could performs much of the south west. ties; now they're approaching collect money from people simply hy shaking a tin in the street. "What, you mean you just ask them for money and they give it marriage and children - home to you? Amazing." The same ily linked to jobs. People put off ownership is likely to be per- might be said of some loft devel-

up a derelict old building, clean it up and put in a bit of wiring and people pay a premium for having to put the walls and fittings in themselves?" In property terms 1995 was the year of the loft, Anvone who invested in glass hricks or timber flooring must be

laughing all the way to the bank.
With people having children
much later, and high levels of family break-up, the singles market is growing, particularly in cities. A niche market has evolved for child-free, fairly wealthy adults, who are buying a lifestyle rather than a certain number of bedrooms. The London chain Foxtons sold two flats near Clapham Common for premium prices in 1995, "Both properties were good examples of stylish well presented accommod- ation which the imaginative buyer is showing an increasing interest in," said Peter

Rollings. As the number of small

"On no, not another cash buyer," was the estate agent's lament when a couple arrived at his office in Winchester. Hampshire. Like most prosperous parts of the country. Hampshire has been bedevilled by a lack of period houses for the many families keen and able to huy. In that particular niche it is a seller's market. In November Strutt & Parker's Exeter office sold five out of six properties for more

than the guide price, Demand for family houses in the most popular villages and suburbs has carried on growing throughout 1995. Families are having to pay a premium for well laid-out accommodation, green space and good schools. If they cannot find a period house to suit they are increasingly turning to the new-build sector. The Nationwide index for newly-huilt properties in the third quarter was up 7.9 per cent on 1994 while the general index was down 0.8 per cent.

Quality is the key. Berkeley Homes, which targets the top of the new build market, reported a rise in pre-tax profits of 31 per cent this year. Savills stresses how the quality sector has outperformed the mainstream, "Prime country houses have benefited from high growth concentrated at the top end of the housing ladder amongst equiny-reliant buyers without mortgages. But they households grows, this niche is have also been held back due to expected to expand further in a lack of trading up activity from the lower reaches of the provincial market." it reports.

That mainstream provincial market has been disappointingly sluggish in 1995. Owners of houses which have no outstanding features find they can only compete with the dozens of others on offer by reducing their price. The worst problems are on estates built in the Sixties and Seventies, where the design and build quality are poor. It is a buyer's market, but there are very

Leominster, Herfordshire



umber Court, along with a church, a former rec-tory and one other house. makes up the hamlet of Humber about five miles east of Leominster. The Grade II listed 17th-century house has

a particularly attractive facade, with decorative stone mullions around the windows and front door. Inside it features stone flagged floors, with open fireplaces downstairs in the three reception rooms and kitchen-hreakfast room, and five bedrooms and two bathrooms upstairs. Outside there are two paddocks and an ornamental pool in the two and a half acres of garden. Knight Frank & Rutlev in Hereford (01432 273087) is asking £250,000.

For What It's Worth

state agents are longing to hear the bells ring in the new year, partly hecause they believe 1996 cannot possihly be as had as 1995 and partly because for five successive years January has seen a flurry of activity. It seems the Christmas holi-days are one of the few times families can sit down together and take big decisions about their lives. Those who decide to move house tend to get on with it straight away, rather than waiting for the traditional spring season.

The same applies to those who decide to divorce. Christmas is sadly the season of family breakdown, leading to an annual wave of houses on the market in January.

If you plan to be a new year seller, there is one overwhelming message from estate agents. As A J Riddle of Eadon, Lockwood and Riddle in Sheffield puts it in the latest monthly report from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors: "When the price is right, the phone rings with enquiries and offers. When it isn't, it doesn't. It is almost as simple as that, and vendors who accept this maxim are the

Who's Moving

he spring launeh of the London branch of The Fashion Café, the burgers and supermodel eaterie, is being masterminded from a house in Mayfair. Francesco Buti, the Vice-President of The Fashion Cafe, has rented a house in Culross Street, where prices average £2,500 a week, through Aylesford.

The best and worst of last year's cars





Best small buy: Ford Fiesta



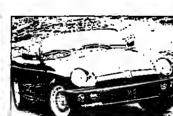
Worst small buy: Vauxhall Corsa



Best luxury buy: Jaguar X16



Worst luxury buy: Konda Legend





Worst sports buy: MG RV8

The past 12 months did not see the reinvention of the car, when many say that's what was really needed. Rather, 1995 saw car makers take risks. The upshot is that, in most classes, the stakes were raised - in some cases decisively. Seven cars in this year's Top 10 are newcomers for 1995.

Small cars

Best Buy: Ford Fiesta (£7,595-

£10,630) What a difference a year makes! Once Europe's technical duffer, Ford experienced a revolution in 1995. Most extraordinarily, it transformed the Fiesta from class

dunce into school genius. The new Fiesta, in its best 1.25litre guise, has a brilliant Yamahadeveloped engine, rides and han-dles with aplomb, and has one of the most imaginatively designed dashboards ever seen. OK, it's nose is ugh (looking like a carp with mouth agape), and it's cramped in the back. But it compensates with excellent huild quality. People trading up from the old model just won't believe the difference.

Worst buy: Vauxhall Corsa (£7,195-Supermodel looks married to

dinosaur technology. The ride is almost bilty cart-like, and the handling is well behind the game.

Small/medium cars

Best buy: Fiat Bravo/Brava (£9,608-£13.2981

Fial's new Escort/Golf rival. replacing the good hut dowdy Tipo; Bravo's the three-door, Brava's the five-door. The former is more the sporty sophisticate, the latter a family car with flair. In both cases, you get fresh looks (inside and out), lots of room, good build quality, and enough driving hrio to make once-dreary journeys enjoyable. The new Fial has just gone on sale in Britain. Of the models available, I'd plump for the hasie 1.4, a frugal sweet revving little motor with surprising verve.

Worst buy: Daewoo Nexia (£8,445-

£10,245) Despite the clever ads and the unusual dealer network (there Another newcomer, the A4 narisn't one). Daewoos are just oldschool Vauxhalls in drag. The 3-series, by dint of its better build cedes-Benz, which means it is the Jaguars just keep getting better.

Nexia is a rebodied Astra, a car that wasn't that good when Vauxhall sold it. It's no better now.

Medium cars

Best huy: Peugeot 406 (prices not yel announced) On sale in Fehruary in Britain, Not a big step-ahead, the 406 is nonetheless a handsome, roomy, supple-riding, superior alternative to a Mondeo or Vectra.

Worst buy: Volvo 400. (£11,150-

£16,650) An ageing, ordinary little car made pretentious by Volvo's marketing men. Cramped, not particularly well made, and technically old hat, the 400 is about to be supplemented in the class by a new Volvo, the S4. The expectation (and hope) is that it will soon be supplanted by it.

Executive compact

Best buy: Audi A4 (£15.732-£24JJ341 rowly pips the old favourite, BMW

quality, sculptural looks, more tasteful cabin, and more benign road manners. The Turbo model is particularly tasty, while the quattro V6 is probably the best fourwheel-drive road car in the world.

Worst huy: BMW 3-series Compact (£13,650-£15,650). BMW's crass attempt to go downmarket. The recipe: take the fine

3-series, fit old-fashioned rear suspension which ruins bandling fluency, fit a tackier looking cabin, and graft on a hatchback rear end. It looks funny, and drives unsatisfactorily. But, of course, a cheap BMW was always going to sell to those who value labels more than substance.

Executive large

Best huy: Mercedes E-class 1£23,500-£34,200) This is not so much "engineering

seen with fresh eyes" (the ad blurh) as an ugly snout, with four funny little headlamps, grafted on to a great car. There's nothing new about the engineering philosophy either: it's typically thorough Mcr-

ingly stable and reassuring on the road. It's expensive, of course: good things usually are. If you can just stretch to an E-class, have no fear: the basic 2.0-litre E200 model, while not the best in the range, is surprisingly eager. Worst buy: Nissan OX 1£16.795-

£25,540) A competent but totally uninspir-

ing attempt by the Japanese to take on Europe's best. Vast depreciation will ensure that this will be a good secondhand huy, hut until then, avoid it.

Luxury

Best buy: Jaguar XJ6 [£29.450-

£46,950) Not quite as well made as a Mereedes, not as quiet as a Lexus, not as much fun as a BMW. But for luxury nothing beats a Jaguar. Lovely cahin, classical styling, supple ride. It's the Edwardian drawing room, versus the hi-tech office approach of the Germans and Japanese. And under Ford,

hest in the world. Beautifully Worst buy: Honda Legend made, roomy, comfortable, unerr-Lovely V6 engine, but no other saving grace. Horrendous depreciation, unlike smaller Hondas.

Estates/MPVs

Best buy: Mercedes E-class Estate (£25,200-£39,200) The new E-class isn't available in estate guise yet. Never mind: the old model is still the world's best

estate. It's roomy, versatile, heautifully made and detailed, and remains one of Britain's lowest depreciating ears. Worst buy: Nissan Serena MPV

Looks like a van, drives tike a van.

Miles behind the new-wave European MPVs.

(£13,895-£16,240)

Coupés Besl buy: Fiat Coupé 1£17,589-£19,489)

A Vivienne Westwood dress nn wheels, the Fiat Coupe is an amazing amalgam of scoops, slats and slashes which, to most eyes, works of production, but there are still a hrilliantly. It is also fun to drive. few around.

Worst buy: Aston Martin Vantage (£177.600) Last of the old school Astons, Blis-

teringly fast, indulgently thirsty, absurdly expensive. More like a high-speed truck than a sports car. Eccentric and without any real role - rather like Prince Charles, who likes them.

Sports cars

Best buy: MGF (£15.995-£17.995) After a host of boringly competent but technically uninspiring Hondabased Rovers, Britain's own car maker took a hig dose of bravery oills and unveiled a brand new MG this year. It could have given us a tame, rebodied version of one of its hatchback models; instead it went for a pukka, rear-drive sports car dotted with new-wave mechanicals. It's the most impressive thing Rover has done in years,

Worst buy: MG RV8 (£25,440) Last of the old school MGs. Drive one, and you can see why Rover was so keen to change direction with the new model. Just gone out

How to be better off

By Clifford German

Tessas will flood out into the economy, boosting retail sales by up to 20 per cent in the first quarter of 1996, transforming the economic and perhaps the political outlook. So says IFA Promotion, the umbrella organisation for Independent Financial Advisers, who presumably have their fingers on the pulses of their clients.

Their calculations are based on the fact that two thirds of all Tessa accounts were started in the first three months following their introduction in 1991 and

three months following their introduction in 1991 and will be eligible to take their capital and accumulated interest tax-free when they start to mature in 1996. According to IFA Promotion £18.8 billion of capital and £5.2 billion will be up for grabs.

The interest cannot be rolled over and much of it

may well be spent. But the 2 million Tessa account holders are not the only ones who expect to be better off in 1996. Most of us who manage to stay in work should be, thanks to the Chancellor, But if you are wise you will not go out and spend it all at once, hecause the New Year will also bring unprecedented demands on your finances. More than ever it will pay

Property is worth looking at for the first time in seven years. No one is predicting a runaway rise in prices, but residential property is now cheap on most historical assumptions. Prices, relative to income, and mortgage rates are both at their lowest levels for 30 years.

Even if you are staying put, review your mortgage closely. Variable mortgage rates are still falling and Bank of Scotland Mortgages Direct has loans at 6.99 per cent for up to 85 per cent of the property's valuation. Northern Rock offers a 1.1 per cent loyalty



discount off its standard variable rate for mortgages over seven years old. At current rates you pay 6.44 per cent. Most lenders are still offering special deals to tempt first-time huyers and existing borrowers who move over and remortgage their existing properties with a new lender. Northern Rock is offering a 6 per cent discount on its standard rate for a year, the Greenwich is offering 3.5 per cent off its standard rate for two years or 2.5 per cent off for three years. Hinckley Building Society offers a 0.5 per cent fixed

rate until January 1997, First Mortgage Securities is

offering 4.2 per cent fixed until 1998, and Yorkshire Building Society 6.25 per cent fixed until 1998, and Yorkshire Building Society 6.25 per cent fixed for three years and Cheshire 7.49 per cent fixed until the year 2001. Choose a fixed rate mortgage if you think rates are likely to go up. and a discount rate if you think they will be steady or fall. In doing your calculations don't forget to take account of any redemption fees your existing lender may charge, the costs of makyour existing lender may charge, the costs of making a switch which can include a reservation fee for the new mortgage, a survey fee, a search fee and a solicitor's fee for the legal work, and last but not least the penalty fees if you sign up and opt out early. Most special offers now lock you in for five years, so a switch has to be a one-off move.

Oheck your insurances, and that nowadays includes Un mortgage protection plan in case you can no longer earn the wherewithal to service your mortgage. Most mortgage protection plans will only pay you for around 12 months, but they will give you vital time to find another job, or failing that a buyer for the property who will pay you a proper price because you are not absolutely desperate to sell.

Household and motor insurance should be easier to find, thanks mainly to lower claims, helped by the milder winters and by the continued undercutting of premium rates by the direct sales organisations. Drop in at your local insurance broker or call some of the direct line insurers, and if you haven't joined a neighbourhood watch scheme, do so now. It might also be worth investing in a modern car alarm or immo-biliser system, and having you door and window locks checked out and replaced if necessary.

But do check what happens if you need to claim. Many cut price policies are not as comprehensive as they sound, or leave big compulsory excesses for you to pay. While you are about it, check your life and bealth insurance and sec if you can get a cheaper quote for your life assurance policies.

Time to look at the pension scene yet again. Pension contributions can be offset against tax. If your employer has a company pension scheme and you expect to stay with him, join it ASAP. If in doubt join il any way, because it is the only way you will get your employer to contribute to your pension fund. Employers usually at least match the contribution you make to the company scheme. You may well also he able to make additional voluntary contributions at little or no administrative cost.

Remember an employer is not obliged to contribute to a portable pension plan, and few do. But the chances of you working your entire career for one employer have diminished and are still diminishing. Even civil servants no longer have a job for life. So if there is no company scheme—or if you are determined to move on within a couple of years—it might he best to start that personal scheme straightaway, rather than freezing your pension and nego-tiating a transfer value every time you move job. How much you get out of a personal pension depends on how well contributions are invested rather than how much you put in or how much you earn just before you retire. But the experts claim that to retire on around two thirds of your final earnings you may need to put something like 6 per cent of your gross income into a pension pot in your twenties, rising to 8 per cent in your tritries, 10 per cent in your for-ties, 12 per cent in your fifties and 15 per cent if you are lucky enough to go on earning into your sixties.

Pension provision is even more important for women than for men, and especially for women who plan to take a hreak to have children. From April onwards the divorce courts will be able to take pensions into consideration in divorce settlements and order pensions to be shared when they fall due, but two pension pots will always be better than one.

Once your mortgages, insurances and pensions are checked and satisfactory it is time to see what is left to save or invest. The big event of the next few weeks and maybe months will be the battle for the hillions of pounds worth of Tessa tax-free deposit accounts which start maturing in 1996. The capital can be reinvested in a new Tessa, although the interest cannot, but you have six months after your first Tessa matures to decide whether to roll it over, so don't be in too much of a burry. Interest rates are a lot lower than they were when the first Tessas started five years ago, and there is more competition from corporate bond Peps and ordinary share Peps this

The most crucial choice for investors who stick with a Tessa is whether to go for a fixed rate or floating rate account this time round. Allied Trust Bank is offering 7.5 per cent fixed for five years on £9,000 rollovers, Sun Banking, a subsidiary of Sun Life of Canada is offering 7.25 per cent fixed for five years for those who think interest rates will trend lower over the next five years, or the option to start on a floating rate and switch to a fix after one, two or three years, which should appeal to anyone who thinks rates will actually trend higher between now and 2001. C&G offers 7.25 per cent on a minimum of

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fost investors will take advantage of the £6,000 they Vican invest in a Personal Equity Plan before they consider unit trusts, investment trusts or individual company shares outside the tax-free PEP shelter. The choice of trusts is now almost as great as the choice: of shares. Trusts investing in UK funds will attract most money once again, and index tracker funds have the advantage of lower charges. Japan is recovering. slowly after severe slump. But European shares also have their supporters on the grounds that they yield three times more than Japanese shares. European companies are also just beginning the painful but profitable process of slimming down their labour forces and shedding costs which UK companies have gone through in the last decade.

Many investors choose to invest through regular savings plan because they cannot find a lump sum. But regular savers will at least know they are getting progressively higger tranches of stock for their monthly investment if share prices especially in the UK and US do start to fall.

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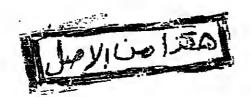
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Some juicy plums are being dangled in front of investors to persuade them to roll over the capital on their maturing Tessas (Tax Exempt Special Savings Accounts) for another five years with the same lender, or to switch to someone making a hetter offer.

Investors with the maxi-

mum maturing sum of £9,000 can start a second Tessa on 8 per cent at Northern Rock, which tops the previous best offers of 7.5 per cent at Allied Trust Bank and 7.25 percent from the Cheltenham & Gloucester, or take a fixed rate of 7.64 per cent at the TSB for the next five years. This has topped the previous best fixed rate of 7.25 per cent on a minimum of £8.575 available from Sun Banking Corporation, a subsidiary of Sun Life of Canada.

Good rates, according to guide to best investments. upwards of £3.000 in a new variable rate Tessa or 7.05 per cent on similar sums fixed for five years. Universal Building Society offers 7.1 per cent on amounts as small as £1.

These are just the latest indications of the efforts of Tessa providers to persuade existing account holders roll ment providers are huge. But for a punt on Railtrack.

the efforts to hold onto Tessas contrast strongly with the downward trend in rates available on other savings accounts. In the past few days Abbey National, Leeds & Holheck, Bristol & West, Sun Banking, Melton Mowbray and the Newcastle building societies have reduced rates on most other accounts across the hoard. The cuts reflect the downward trend in lending rates, but the importance of retaining Tessa money suggests providers are also trying to rob other savers to pay Tessa account-holders to re-invest.

Once reinvested Tessas have to be kept for five years or lose tax-free status. Some providers also charge transfer fees to discourage withdrawals. Providers may be tempted to shift the balance to other savers once the Tessas are safely locked in. Hold-MoneyFacts the subscription ers of maturing Tessas have six months to decide on are also offered on smaller renewal. A short-term altersums. Birmingham & Mid-shires pays 7.25 per cent on rate Tessa now, may be worth considering. But who knows

where rates will he in 2001. Corporate bond PEPS offer little advantage in current yields but investors are not locked in for five years to get a tax-free investment, and bonds will provide some capital gain if interest rates fall rather than rise. Guaranteed their Tessas over and other stock market bonds offer holders transfer across. The varying combinations of guaramounts involved are simply—anteed return and exposure staggering, and even after to stock exchange growth. the expected spending spree and the real speculators will the opportunities for invest- keep a few hundred in hand

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Justin Urguhart-Stewart detects some clues to future trends as he looks back at the investment highlights of the year

FT-SE 100 rising by over 20 per cent. But did tection. we expect it? Back at the turn of the year there ment was looking insecure again, the stock market bad a poor year in 94, and British financial pride was just about to be humiliated with the Bar-

ings fiasco. Not exactly an auspicious start. But there was a springboard of interest for the private investor. The final tranche of PowerGen and National Power turned out sure fire winners, despite the strangely timed comments from the regulator which sent the shares sliding for a short period of time.

Also back in January came the first hints that the regional electricity companies might behave like standing dominoes. The Trafalgar House bid for Northern Electric was doomed but the concept which Trafalgar House had identified was about to be followed up very strongly by others. These Recs had a near guaranteed income, market and assets - but this was not reflected in their share price. Within weeks all this was to change, and the takeover frenzy lasted the whole year.

Domestically things were sluggish. But the market saw there were quality assets at good value prices for the taking. In the financial sector his-toric names such as Warburgs, Kleinwort Benson & Smith New Court all were taken over, and with the continuing rationalisation of the building societies, you could see the whole sector changing. Watch for this next year as well, with banks, insur-

hecame a vintage year for investment, with the ing to form wagon train circles for their own pro-

Hindsight is wonderful, but it is logical that the was no great feeling of confidence. The Govern-staggering costs of drug development means that porate Bonds into Peps as from 10 July 1995. The mergers to pool resources are almost inevitable. In 1995 we had Glaxo and Wellcome, Fisons and RPR from France and there will no doubt be others involving Medeva and Zeneca who were also

in the fray this year. As many of these takeovers involved FT-SE 100 companies, they had a disproportionate effect on the index. Confidence did extend further, but speculation was leading the market and I fear to an extent still is. At the time of writing I would see it as being healthy for the market to start just under 3600.

This enthusiasm was a marvellous coincidence for the birth of a newcomer. On 19 June a new stock market was launched, the Alternative in cutting out paperwork and speeding up pay-Investment Market (AIM). This infant was not just a replacement for other smaller markets or trading rules. It was a genuine attempt to look at funding for growing companies from the customer's view point. And it has worked. To date 113 companies are quoted on it, funds have been raised and as a result jobs created,

to the London Stock Exchange. It operates by matching institutional buy and sell orders together. This contrasts with the normal pattern of share trading in the UK through the exchange's much doubt it - but we can learn to avoid makmarket makers - who act as a form of wholesalers. ing a pig's ear of it.

From uncertain beginnings, 1995 certainly unce companies and building societies all attempt. Such direct competition is indicative of what is happening around the world through increased automation. There will be more to come here.

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A further advance was the introduction of corattraction of fixed income from sources other than Gilts and Pibs (permanent interest-bearing shares issued by building societies) can only be helpful. But take care here. These are not risk free, and high income does not necessarily balance with

In July the Stock Exchange improved the settlement system in the UK by introducing five day rolling settlement. This may sound horribly technical, but its impact was to push many investors towards transferring their assets to nominees, so their name no longer appears directly on the company register.

Now these can be very useful in the right hands ments, but a word of caution is appropriate to investors to ensure that they are not cut off in a nominee account from any company contact. If in doubt speak to your broker or bank and shop around. Next year this question will arise again with the introduction of Crest.

The changes in financial, chemicals and power In the autumn Tradepoint went live as a rival companies are likely to continue and other sectors will also be affected, maybe water and building materials. The question is can we make every year a vintage year from here on? I very

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People will do anything to become record-breakers. Some even crawl out of bed on New Year's Day to prance along the streets of central London in fancy dress. In fact, if you head for Trafalgar Square at 1pm on Monday, you'll witness 8,000 people doing just that in aid of Scope. And the record they're out to break? Largest Marching Band ever, and with 52 bands from around the world taking part, it looks as though they are certain to win that coveted place in the Guinness Book of Records. To add to the spectacle there will be 3,000 cheerleaders, antique cars and vintage military vehicles, plus brightly-coloured floats and a firebreathing dragon constructed around a Mini. Overshadowing these events, literally, will be eight giant inflatables which the organisers have shipped over from the States. The 70ft-high Woody Woodpecker and Mighty Mouse will be hard to miss bobbing along in the marchers' midst. The procession starts at 12.50pm from Parliament Square and works its way through central London via Whitehall, Trafalgar

Square, Lower Regent St, Piccadilly Circus, Piccadilly, Berkley Street and Berkley Square. The event is free (contributions to Scope welcome) but grandstand seating is available at £12 per head along the route. Call 0181-566 8586 for tickets

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Follow me, follow, down to the hollow on New Year's Day for a glorious hangover cure. It is, naturally, the traditional annual Maldon Mud Race, wherein post-Christmas revellers quite deliberately dash across the deep, boggy brown stuff at the picturesque Blackwater Estuary. It is a gruelling test of spirit, and indeed, perhaps the contestant who has necked the most vodka beforehand will turn out to be the winner, immune as she will be from considerations of warmth, dryness and dignity. Why on earth do people do this? Margaret Rooke-Matthews, promotions officer at Maldon District Council, has a theory: "It seems to appeal to the slightly eccentric side of the normally strait-laced British personality." It is also, of course, all for charidee, and good causes helped include St Clare's Hospice, St John's Ambulance and King George's Fund for Sailors. If you're not already signed up, well too late, because entry closed at Christmas; your yen for flapping around in mud can be well satisfied in your very own garden with the help of a hose. But come along anyway and watch: while the soiled contestants dash to the hot shower block, you can prop up the beer tent. Hair of the dog, you see. Promenade Park, Maldon, Essex (01621 875842) 1pm New Year's Day



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The American President Rob Reiner's most likeable film since This Is Spinal Tap is a simple (but not simple-minded) romantic comedy. Michael Douglas as Mr Prez and Annette Bening have never looked so relaxed or felt so fresh. An ideal antidote to the season's over-indulgence.

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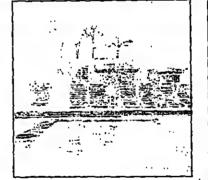
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ART IAIN GALE

David Hockney It is now three decades since Hockney shot to stardom as the boy wonder of British Pop Art. He has experimented with everything, from photo-collage to fax machines. One constant, though, has been drawing, and here are some of his finest. Royal Academy, London

7.30pm (Fri until 9pm), ends 18 Feb. El. 50 day in dap. The Mall, SWI (iii 71-930 3647) Charing Cross/Pionadilly Circus.

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THEATRE DAVID BENEDICT

The Duchess of Malfi Declan Donnellan, Nick Ormerod and Cheek by Iowl present Webster's brooding, glittering masterpiece with Anastasia Hille, fresh from Measure for Measure with the same team. Excuses for missing this will not be accepted. Wyndhams Theatre, London . . .

Sommont Symphony Brokestra/Staff Viennese concert of Johann Strauss, Nicolai and Lohar, Sun 7.30pm, £6.50-£16. Column Street (0117-922 3686/cc 922 3683)

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7436] & Procadilly Circus/Green Part. London ... BARESCAN HALL

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SWI (0171-222) 1061; © Westerdaster. SWI (1879) - Windminster. ROWN PSYMMERMA Makes Sath Policies and waltzes brainsts Walte King, Son 3.15 & 7.30pm, 58.50-227.50. South Bank Centre, SEI (0171-960 4342) BR/-9 Waterloo.

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DANCE London

> Continues - The Short Least Lance show, More-Sat Spra, mat moley Z Sipan, each 10 Feb. £18:50-£27:50. Queen Caroline Street, Wi. (0171-416:6000) & Hammersmith. ROTAL FESTIVAL HALL
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Shelve the turkey sandwiches/ atten down the hatches and k up your kids, because the ' evision series is about to me to life. Having squarely hties, the Teenage Mutant nerces that are the Mighty orphin Power Rangers are

coming to Britain this week. Last week in Ireland, Morphinmania helped to make the orld's most popular children's show the fastest-selling ticket. there ever, with one radio ad resulting in 25,000 calls and the collapse of the Dublin phone system. Eat your heart coming live shows in Birming-

state-of-the-art pyrotechnics and morphinomenal special FX. Plus, of coarse, some good old-fashioned martial arts to keep the kids interested. Educational it's not. The perfect Christmas treat it most certainly will be. Birmingham NEC (0121-780 4133) to 31 Dec ; Wembley Arena (0181-900 1234) 1-3 Jan



Small but perfectly formed Naomi Campbell will doubtless be trembling in her moon this New Year, as the world's top models leave her behind when they fly in to Olympia for the 65th International Model: Show. Catwaik competition is fierce this year, with top models including the 20ft Alien Queen from the film Alien, the 7ft-high Judge Dredd robot (right), and, representing the Jerry Hall of the modelling world, a timeless classic in the shape of a Star Wars stormtrooper. But this is not just a week for marvelling at the glitz and, glam of the Hollywood models. In addition there are creations of every size and shape on display, from radio-controlled cars, planes and boats to a 35ft model of HMS *Invincible* and a trip on the longest passenger-carrying model railway ever assembled in Britain. And if the sniff of the glue and the whiff of the paint send you rummaging in the attic for your old Airfix kit, then the trade stands will be flogging everything you'll ever need to recreate the Battle of Trafalgar in your living room.

places to go

Six of the best: New Year's Day walks

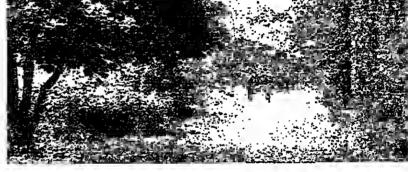
After the rigours of the night before, ease into the New Year with a brisk walk on 1 January. It is a popular day for walks organised by local branches of the Ramblers' Association. Here are six of the best. Anyone is welcome. Call the numbers given if you are womed about the weather, or want fuller information

Treverva (nr Falmouth), Cornwall A picturesque 10-mile route including the Helford River and Treban gardens. Meet 11am at Treverva lay-by

North Cerney (nr Cirencester), Glos Quite a strenuous ramble in the Chum Valley. No dogs. Meet 9.30am at the Waterloo (01285 851884)

Cumnor, near Oxford Choose between three miles in the morning or five in the afternoon. Meet 10.45am or 2pm at the Vine, Commer (01367 710650)

West Wycombe, Bucks A fivemile hike in the morning or three-and-a-half in the afternoon, with good views and a



hill or two to climb. Meet 10.30am or 2.30pm at car park nr garden centre on Chorley Road (01296 27717)

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International Model Show, Grand Hall, Olympia London W14 (01442

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West Malling, Kent Between four and five miles through orchards, meadows and woodland, with the incentive of a

pub lunch at the end. Meet 10.30am in the car park behind Tesco in Malling (01732 832212)

Culford (nr Bury St Edmunds) Suffolk Five-and-a-half mile walk, mainly in woodlands. Meet 10.30am at Culford School Sports Centre car park (01359 250815)



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ROCK ANGELA LEWIS

Gifford & Tilbrook Squeeze's songwriting duo Chris Gifford and Glenn Tilbrook round off their December tour with this date. A time to celebrate the return to chart success with their album Ridiculous. Blackheath Concert Hall, London (0181-436 0100) New Year's Eve



CLASSICAL ROBERT MAYCOCK

Hansel and Gretel Humperdinck's fairy-tale opera has it all: family appeal, a story by the Grimms with enough teeth to keep the tinsel at a distance, and the splendour of Wagnerian music. Palace Opera's staging features a new English translation. Queen Elicabeth Hall, London, tonight



Budding balletomanes can enjoy a sugary lunchtime double-bill courtesy of the Royal Ballet today, when the Royal Ballet School dance Hart's Peter and the Wolf and the main company performs the staged version of Ashton's film The Tales of Beatrix Potter (above). Royal Opera House, London

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and present with plenty of activities for all the family. Dischary Museum Ubusch Laire (01273-844744) Sat 10.3/km-4.3/pm. Sun 2pm-4.3/pm. ands 7 Jan, phone for details. East Molesey
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Hampton Court Palace 10171-344-3421
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4,30pm, ET-50, comes £5.61, child £4.40.

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Salisbury, 200 lots of Oriental carpets, and rups, 3,91 lots of English and Conti-nental furniture, Friday (10am). Weodley & Walls, 51-61 Castle Street 101722-

\$11422).
Birminghom: Antique and modern jew-ellery, pownbrokers Jewellery and watches, Thursday 110.30am/ Fellows & Sons. 19 Augusta Street, Hockley (912)-212 2131).

Boarnemouth: Victorian and later form-ture, porcelain, silver, paintings, jew-ellery, Wednesday (9,50m). House &

Son, 11-16 Lansdown House, Christopher Road (0/200-260/44), Tring: Plants, pots, garden sagupment, antiques, furniture and effects, next Saturds) (Blam) at the Cattle Market, Brook Street, Brown & Merry 101442-8264461. Birmingham: 500 pictotes - oils, water-colours, prints - Frida, 111ams, Biddle & Webt, Ladywood Mildleway 10121-455

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Antique and Collectors, Queenmay
Hall, Dunstable, 200 stands, Monday
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Southwell Antiques and Collectors
Drive-in, Southwell Racecourse, Rolleston, Newark, Wednesday (0181-781
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28. James Santicalpine, Cardeck Hill. EC4: 10,35am Sang Eucharist. The Rev John Paul.

28. James S., Stratford Broadway, E15: 11 am Family Commomon. The Rev Maria Holmdon; Hpm HC, The Rev. Jeannite Meadway.

28. Later's, Sodney Sorect. SW3: Sam HC; 10,35am Encharest. Fugue in G Bacht, The Rev Shein Wasson; 6.35am Evening Prayer.

28. Blaggard Rev. Layer Thames Street, EC3: 11 am Schern Mars.

38. Blaggard R., Westminster Abbey: 11 am Street Eucharist. Spattermense i Monarit. Sincer Hilley Martin. 51 Mark's, Regent's Park Road, NW1: Som HC: 9.45am Family Communion, Ham Sung Eu-4.9-3m Faring Communication of the Conference of the Fridge William William For Schingersame 11.0mm Visitors to London Service. The Rev Bernhard Schingersame 2.45pm Chinese Faring Service (with the Conference of the Conference o Schatterning, 2-85pm Channes Framily Service (with strains).

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New Year's Day Television and Radio

Film choice

by James Rampton

odie Foster is now regarded as one of the smartest cookies in Hollywood, but even as a young girl she radiated intelligence, being Oscar-nominated for her performance in Taxi Driver. She manifests the same sophistication as Tallulah, a gangster's moll, in Alan Parker's delightful directorial debut. Bugsy Malone (11.45am BBC1), a Mob musical acted out entirely by children.

No doubt persuaded by a cheque the size of Scotland, Scan Connery donned his wig and picked up his Walther PPK to play Jumes Bond in Never Say Never Again (5.55pm BBC1). Though Connery could still rivet reading out the telephone directory. Irvin Kershner's 1983 film lacks the panache of the actor's earlier outings in the 007 DJ.



Do you remember those seemingly faroff days when Robbie Coltrane was just another comedy actor and not a Baftabestrewn heavyweight thesp? Nuns on the Run (8.30pm C4), a throwaway comedy, hails from that earlier pre-Crucker period. state of Britain.

This tale of two lowlifes (Coltrane and Eric Idle) biding out in a nunnery has its moments, but never reaches the sublime comic heights its director Jonathan Lynn touched in co-writing les, Minister.

Despite a top-notch east (Danny Glover, Kevin Kline. Steve Martin). Lawrence Kasdan's Grand Canyon (10pm BBC2) flatters to deceive with its grandiose themes wrapped around a group of middle-class characters. Like his earlier The Big Chill, it promises more than it delivers.

Gahriel Byrne, who fizzes in The Usual Suspects, made his big breakthrough with David Drury's Defence of the Realm (11.15pm C4), playing a journalist who discovers there's something rotten in the

Television choice

by Gerard Gilbert

Just in case you haven't heard – Burt disease? No, he didn't, but it's a thought inspired by Arena: The Batger and the inspired by Arena: The Batger and the inspired by Arena: The Batger and the written a song with him and Erasure are just about to release a Bacharach cover Elvis in later life showed the classic. version. Easy listening is where it's at, and Burt Bacharach. This is Now (8pm BBC2), instead of making you wonder at the vagaries of fashion, has you bot footing it down to Our Price for the entire back list.

sics like "What's New Pussycat?" and "Alfie" - this is also the man who penned "Walk on By", "Say a Little Prayer", "The Look of Love" and "I Just Don't Know What to Do with Myself". and it began to show. Now give the man some respect.

Did Elvis Presley die of mad cow Peacock Spring (9pm BBC1), a stodgy

symptoms of a childhood where food was scarce (grilled squirrel once a week if he was lucky). The singer's idea of showing off his new-found wealth was to have a cheeseburger – because the cheese in the burger was considered a reckless luxury Bacharach not only wrote kitsch clas- in the poor white trash circles where he was raised. He once took a private jet just to go and eat a renowned peanut andje)lo sandwich. There are an awful lot of calories in a peanut-and jello sandwich,

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two-part version of Rumer Godden's novel set in 1959 India, whither the five daughters of an English diplomat are summoned. More for is Road Dahl's Little Red Riding Hood (4.05pm BBC1), starring lufte Walters.

7.00 Children's BBC: Classical Music Animations 7.25 Favourite Songs: 7.50 Joshua Jores. 8.00 Playdays. 8.20 Joe 90. 8.45 Peter Pan and the Pirates. 9.10 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles. 9.30 Stone Protectors, 9,55 Blue Peter – High

Adventure.

10.25 The Princess and the Goblin, Animation, A princess is lorced to marry an ugly goblin. Social satire for the Mineties, voiced by Joss Ackland, Rik Mayall and Mollie Sugden (5273468).

11.45 Bugsy Majone (Alan Parker 1976 UK). Allsinging, all-dancing, all-child gangster movie in which the gunfights consist of foam and custard pres. Jodie Foster sters (632517). * 1.15 News: Weather (73742710).

1.25 Neighbours (S) (57615343). * 1.45 EastEnders (R) (S) (4950130). * 2.40 Suburban Commando (Burt Kennedy 1991 U5). Wrestling star Hull, Hogan makes the break for movie success as an alien living underground

in the suburbs. Surprisingly diverting (S) 4.05 Roald Dahl's Little Red Riding Hood. With a stupid and lazy woll (voiced by Danny DeVito), an alcoholic granny and a wilfully cruel Red Riding Hood (Julie Walters) (S) (8994420).

4.50 Final Score (SI (9-4526-42). 5.15 News, Local News, Weather (4892178). * 5.30 Neighbours (R) (S) (49-4536). *

5.55 Per Never Say Never Again Hrvin Kershner 1983 U.S. Birfeld has his eye on world domination again. The grizzled Sean Connery comes back into bondage to foll him. Pleasant semi-spoof, with Klaus Maria Brandauer, Barbara

Carrera and kim Basinger (S) (5960-4517). *
8.00 EastEnders (S) (9569). *
8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart. Return of the time-travel sitcom. Gary wants to see in both New Years. Ho ho ho (9246).

9.00 The Peacock Spring. 1/2, New Delhi, 1959, A dipiomat's daughter pals up with a local gardener and causes scandal in this two-part adaptation of Rumer Godden's novel (S) (6757739).

10.25 News, Local News, Weather (557913). *
10.45 Match of the Day, Highlights of Liverpool vs Nottingham Forest, and Totlenham Hotspurvs Manchester United (SJ (826275). 11.35 The Rolling Stones: Voodoo Lounge Live. The

Stones, live in Miami (S) (208055). 1.10 国巴達 Carry on Doctor (Gerald Thomas 1968 UK). Co-err, Nurse, that's a big one etc (4043918). *
2.40 Weather (7691260), 75.2.40am.
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noon Sportscene 10.45 Sportscene - Match of

BBC2

7.15 (III.M.) The Square Peg (John Paddy Carstairs 1958 UK). An almost watchable Norman Wisdom comedy. In this, he is accidentally paractuted behind enemy lines during the war

8.45 A Day at the Races | Sam Wood 1937 US).
One of the Marx Brothers' best showings. Something to do with a sanatorium, a group of bankers, a blond siren and a steeplechase

 10.30 The Voyage of Charles Darwin (R) (76710).
 12.30 Solti Conducts: The World Orchestra for Peace.
 As part of the UN's 50th anniversary celebrations, Sir Georg Solti hand-picked a 90-piece orchestra to play in the Victoria Hall in Geneva, Including Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra, the last scene from Beethoven's opera Fidelio and Rossini's

Villiam Tell Overture (S) (5648710). 1.50 1996 World Professional Darts Championship. Live coverage of first-round matches (S)

4.15 Ski Sunday Special, Ski-jumping from Germany (S) (7555998). 4.50 Coastermania. A history of the rollercoaster, They

have their roots in 16th-century Russia, apparently (S) (2104739). 5.40 Pavarotti and Domingo at the Met. The two heavyweight singers in a double-bill from New

York's Metropolitan Opera, featuring Puccini's II Tabarro, Leoncavallo's Pagliacti, and conductor James Levine (SI (21453265). 8.00 Surt Bacharach... This Is Now. Dusty Springfield narrates a profile of the Prince of Smooth

8.50 Another Foot in the Past (858246). 9.00 Arena. An exploration of the culinary world of Elvis

Presley (1826), * 10.00 Ella Grand Canyon (Lawrence Kasdan 1991 US). Danny Glover saves Kevin Kline from a gang attack. Kevin turns round Danny's lonely and girlfmend-less life in return. Then they help some teenagers. We all-have-something-to-offer morality tale of the smuggest and least inventive kind, with a welcome appearance by Steve Martin and his wiggly legs, plus Mary McDonnell, Mary-Louise Parker and Alfre Woodward (91105915). 12.10 1996 World Professional Darts Championship.

More first-round matches of this compelling spectacle. And that's just the players (9163005). 1.10 The Days (Wang Xiaoshuai 1993 China). Slow but gripping portrait of the relationship between two artists in the fast-changing modem China. Both Dong and Chun teach at the Beijing Art School (1338717). 2.25 Weatherview (6676918). To 2.35am.

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6.00 GMTV. 6.00 News and weather. 6.05 Features special, 7.00 News, 7,05 Torn and Jerry Kids. 7.30 Barney 8.00 Galaxy High. 8.30 Starla and the Jewel Riders. 8.5S Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (2233536). 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. A measly £250 up for grabs

(S) (4779130).

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9,55 Bugs Bunny (1241333).

10.20 Warner Brothers Cartoon (7830710).

10.35 Buss Hill's Angels (Ted Kotcheff 1978 US).
Leaden cornedy in which a vicar's female parishioners form a crime squad (\$) (37057245).

12.30 News; Weather (21927468), *
12.40 Make 'Em Laugh (R) (6001246),
1.10 Sign The Stalking Moon (Robert Mulligan 1969
US). A scout helps a woman escape her Apache captors. Stars Gregory Peck (29292178). 3.00 GMM On Her Majesty's Secret Service (Peter Hunt 1969 UK). Bond, Bond, Bond. George

Lazenby's turn as the old roue, on the track, as usual, of the ruthless Blofeld, He's no Connery, but this is probably the best Bond movie, partly thanks to Diana Rigg's involvement as the most flesh-andblood "Bond girl" yet, and partly thanks to the ski stunts and Alpine scenery (64503604). * 5.25 News; Weather (4876130). *

5.40 TIM Curty Sue (John Hughes 1991 US). A film with "Curly" in its title is bound to feature a cute moppet. This one (Alisan Porter), is half of a con-tricking double-act with James Belushi, cleaned up by lawyer Keily Lynch (S) (49153420). *
7.30 Coronation Street, Curly and Raquel are in good

spirits, you'll be glad to hear (81). *
8.00 Bruce's Price Is Right (5) (5807). *
8.30 The Ruth Rendell Mystery Movie: Heartstones.

Daughter suspects father of bumping off his first wife (60410). *
10.30 Call Red: Behind the Scenes (775178). 10.40 News; Weather (991008). * 10.50 (2004) Adrift | Christian Ouguay 1993 U.5). Couple

on cruise make the time-honoured mistake of rescuing a couple of strangers in distress 12.40 EES Absence of Malice | Sydney Pollack 1980

US). Reporter Sally Field is duped by the government. Intelligent exploration of the wrong side of the media (23949734). 2.50 The Intruder (Guy Hamilton 1955 UK). War

yets suffer hardships. Stars Jack Hawkins (8532289). 4.15 Profile (R) (S) (17143531). 4.25 Dead Men's Tales (18177395). 4.50 Life in Danger (Terry Bishop 1959 UK).

Villagers hunt an escaped murderer (2258685), 5.5\$ News (7711463). To 6.00am

Channel 4

6.35 Think Tank (R) (S) (5306401).
7.00 The Big Breakfast (36062).
9.00 Saved by the Bell: The New Class (R) (4707913).
9.25 Babylon 5 (R) (S) (6106410). *
10.20 California Dreams (R) (1060246).
10.45 Biker Mice from Mars (7) (3993517). *

11.10 Mork and Mindy (R) (S) (9893517). *
11.40 The Morning Line. The day's nags previewed (S) (5171401). 12.10 Sesame Street (5048159).

1.10 Channel 4 Racing from Cheftenham. Brough Scott introduces the 1.35 Seven Spings Novices Chase (2m 5f); 2.10 Steel Plate Trial Juvenile Novices Hurdle (2m 1f); 2.45 A S W Handicap Chase (4m 10; 3.20 Unicoin Homes Spa Hurdle (3m 110 yd) (84334410). 3.40 Snapshots: Enoch Powell. Enoch Powell returns:

to Cambridge University (R) (1488710).

4.00 Backdate. Valerie Singleton makes her C4 debut with a new daily quiz show, testing contestants' memory about the last 50 years (10).

4.30 Countdown (S) (94).

5.00 Love in the Afternoon (S) (6772). * 6.00 The Costry Show (R) (59). *
6.30 Hollyoaks. The classless Chester teenager

organise a party. Followed by Channel 4 News Summary and Weather (5) (249710). *
7.05 Secrets of the Rainforest (5) (767791).
8.00 Stolen. A repeat Short Stories documentary in which an elderly woman tries to track down her porcelain collection, which was stolen in a breakin at her house (3449).

8.30 Nuns on the Run (Jonathan Lynn 1990 UK). Incompetent crooks Eric Idle and Robbie Coltrane steal a million from the Triads and hide out in a nunnery. Not fanny (15761401). *

10.15 Glasshouse. Repeat Cutting Edge documentary about the military corrective training centre, or "glasshouse" in Colchester (R) (961371). *

11.15 Glass Defence of the Realm (David Drury 1985 UK). Prime slice of 1980s paranoia, shot in sombre, muted tones and starring Gabriel Byrne as a journalist investigating the scandal surrounding an Opposition MP. Greta Scacchi, Denholm Elliott and Ian Bannen co-star

1.00 ET A Fire Has Been Arranged (Leslie Hiscott. 1935 UK). Released from jail, crooks Flanagan and Allen discover a shop has been built over the spot where they buried their ill-gotten gains. Worth it alone for the participation of the sublime Alastair Sim (9433181). 2.15 Calypso Season (R) (683717). To 3.15am.

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10.45 The Shellac Show. 11.30-12.30am Ensemble

Brahms: Waltzes for plane duet, Co 39. Herzegenberg: Vanations on a Theme of Brahms, Op 23. Striumann: Flano Quartet in E rat, 0p 47.

Radio 4 ing a fine state of the leading 6.00am Hews 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Over the Counter (2/2). 7.00 Today.

9.00 Hews. 9.05 Start the Week. 10.00 FM: Flexis: With Great Plea-sure Jenny Edair, (2/6), 10.00 LW: Etail: Service. 10.15 LW: Carloren ; 680 Padro 4. 10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 Hard Shoulder, Son Touch

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2.00 News: The Death of Ivan flyich. Anton Lesser stars in Leo Tolstoy's classic tale. 3.00 News: The Attention Shift. 4.05 Raleidoscore, Luciano Pavarsco 4.45 Short Story: Family Feelings.

Fool for Love. 5.00 PM. 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Sty O'Clock News. 5.15 The Enchanted Faisin **6.30** (tens Quiz of the Year, (2/2) 7.00 News. 7.20 The Monday Play: The Nurem-

terg That, See Choice. 9.59 Weather.

10.00 The World Tonight.

Choice

Fifty years on, The Nuremburg Trial (7.20pm R4) is an utterly compelling reconstruction of the most important trial of this cen-tury - it takes the trouble to question whether this was the ight way to finsih the Second World War, while showing that it was an astonishing marshalling of reason against inhumanity.

10.45 Book at Begrims: The Haipole Peport by JL Carr. (1/10). 11.00 The Unheard Prophet. 11.30 The Water Gypses By AP Herbert | Leis.

12.30 The Late Book, Miss Smitta's Feeling for Snow by Peter Hoeg. (1) 15). 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00am As World Service.

Radio 5 677, 999-1-15. 6.00am The Breakfast Programme

8.35 The Magazine 11.05 Direct
News Update 11.35 Pioneers and Presidents 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.05 Sport on Five 5.55 The Nichday March 10.05 A Sporting Chance 11.00 Night Extra 11.35 Spaced 8.40 Harvest of the Cold Months Out 12.05 The Other Side of Mid-night 2.05 Up All Night 5.00 By Elicabeth David, 11/5).

Classic FM

109 9 101 386c FM 6.00am Sarah Lucas 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 At the Opera House 2.00 Classic Christmas Ballet, 4.00 Pob Cowan's 1896 Show 6.00 New News Year 7.00 Han Russell's Movie Glassics 8.00 Evening Concert, Ci-fenbach: Overture, Crotheus in the Underworld, Tonaistysky: Fantasy Overture: Robies and Juliet, Saint-Saers: Introduction and Pondo Caprecioso Ahacharunan: Adagic of Spartagus and Phrygia. George Gershwin: Enapsody in Blue 10.00 Poben Both 1.00 Hits Through the Night 4.00-6.00am Mark Griffiths

World Service 35.00 1.00am World News 1.10 Words of Faith 1.15 Sinatra: A Master at Work 1.45 Health Matters 2.00 Newsday 2.30 Gupte, Unquite 3.00 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newscest 4.30 Off the Sheft: Peter Pen 4.45 Early Version 5.00 (lewsday 5.30 What's News 5.45 On the More

Satellite

7.00am DJ Kat (2562265), 7.01 X-Men (90284), 7,30 Orson & Otros (79791), 8,00 Mighty Morprin Power Rangers (57371). 8.30 Take That in Berlin (21913). 9.30 Star Trek: Voyager - Inside the New Adventure (31246). 10.30 Concentration (43178). 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael

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Long Play (5135802). SKY MOVIES 6.Coam Joy of Living (1938) (5-739) 8.00 Alice Adams (1935) (34130), 10.00 Mrs. Documer (1993) (5/730555). 12.05 Summer Pental (1985) (702351), 2.00 Hostage for a Day (1993) (28371), 4.00 Son of the Pint Parather (1993) (6449), 6.00 Mrs Doubthre (1993) (16867), **8,00** Shadovlands (1993) (24528081), **10.15** Brem Stoker's Dracula (1992) (48399710). 12.25 Close to Eden (1990) (828214), 2.15

SKY MONTES GOLD 4,00pm A Hard Day's Nigh; 119641 (13027401), 5,35 The Making of a Hard Cay's Night 11994 (1899-1826), **6.50** Helpt 1365) (36504325), **8.30** Police Apademy 2 (1985) (70913). ment (1984, (239352), 11.50 Jaws (1975) /84788888), 1.55 3.40am 55nging Up 6aby (1938)

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1541197). 2.00 Rooke of the teat (1993) (698604), 3.55 Zoo Pobbery (1973) (6575178). 5.05 The Corsican Brothers (1941) (8772178). 6.00 Official Denial (1393) (13449), 2.00 Escape (1993) (19449), a.ou tscape from Terror: The Teresa Stamper Story (1994) (18994), 10.00 The Naked Gun 331/3 (1994) (85449), 11.30 A Bronx Tale 11993) (42408326), 1,35 Water (1985) (749032), 3,15 Silhouette (1994) (937598), 4,50-6,00am The Whipping Boy (1994)

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ry On! (2996913), 8.30 Alas Smith and Jones (2975420).

9.00 Carry on Emmanmuelle 144641197). 10.40 The Sill

(2359197). 11.15 The Best of Top of the Pops (6905826). 12.00 Dr Who: The Sunmakers

League (926352), 2,00 Darts -Live (446791), 5,00 Futbol Muncial (3826), 5.30 Footbal Special - Live (110604), 8.00 Football Special - Live (37/96499), 10.15 Sports Centre (710449) 16.45 Cricket (2967772) 12.00 The Big League (963482), 2,30 Monday (Night Football (34734), 3,30-4,00am Sports Centre (75734),

Pastimes

Year of the Newt William Hartston

It has been a momentous and well-defined year. Indeed, with 75 defining moments compared with only 27 last year, 1995 may fairly be described as the year of defining moments. Or you could call it the Year of the Newt. We shall come to that later. First, the defining moments. We have had several in Bosnia, almost as many in Ireland, and a not inconsiderable number in both the Conservative and Labour parties. There was

even one in the ENO production of Don Giovanni. Our figures are based on a count of occurrences of the phrase "defining monteot" in the pages of the Independent and Independent on Sunday throughout the year, and the comparison with last year shows that 1995 was either a remarkable year or, more likely, that "defining moment" wins the Clické of the Year award.

However, our primary concern today is not with cliches but with names. For this purpose we have consulted a representative sample of the daily and Sunday press. from the Sun to the Sunday Times, to see how many times certain names have appeared in 1995 and to assess the trends by comparing the figures with those of 1994.

Table 1 lists the results for the most significant women's ures represent the number of distinct articles in which each name appeared, with the final column giving the percentage change from 1994 hadly. While the women's is intreasingly cadangered, names, for all their individual; but it is good to see the aardapparent, the most striking performances, changed little vark as the one stable feature features are the huge rise in in relative order, it is inter- in these turbulent times.

Table 1 men's Names 1994 1995 change Silvana 31 82 +165 980 1550 +58 250 385 +54 Cherie 1899 2826 +49 Gillian Rosemary 1245 1835 +47 Camilla 993 1190 +28 663 750 +13 Norma

Madonna 1387: 1449 : 745

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Margaret 7831 7454 4.8

Virginia 4404 4102 -6.9 Hillary 916 696 -24 Silvana and the drop in Hillary. While we should be cautious in extrapolating on the basis of a single year's trend, it is worth mentioning that if these rates are maintained, Silvana will overtake Hillary around the middle of 1997. The slow decline of Margaret and Virginia were, perhaps, only to be expected, but the rise in Madonna is a

little surprising. The large rise in Divine is particularly interesting. It is up by 570 on the previous year, though the word "Brown" was only found in 463 of these. The steady rise in Norma suggests that she could hold off the growing challenge from Cherie for another couple of years. Men's cames (see Table 2)

show considerably more oumber. Slobodan, Eric and fast as ostriches. Tooy have also had good Mad cows are still numeryears, but Vladimir, Boris ous, but somewhat down on and Bourros have faded last year. The hippopotamus

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past all of Boutros, Slobodan, Vladimir and Ringo, despite the last of these making a

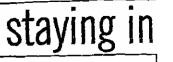
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Newt also features at the top of our final table of lifeforms of the year. Its 348 per cent rise is way ahead of the computer viruses in second volatility with Orenthal and place. Pigs. as might be tiplyiog more than sixfold expected in this Chinese Year and Ratko and Newt also of the Pig. have also shorted names of the year. The fig- more than quadrupling in ahead though not nearly as

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New Year's Eve Television and Radio

RECOMMENDED VIEWING

Film choice by James Rampton

Ten Hanks has made something of a speciality out of playing atmable periodies (Big. Juristic Charty). He does so once more as a man who falls in love with a merinald (Davy Hannah) in Ron Howard's intentions fantasy, Splash (3.15pm HV).

Terry Jones is a man of many parts. Among other flips, he has directed films (Personal Septems, Erik he Viking), written a well regarded book and presented a TV septembers, Erik he Crusades. He also semether hads the time to pen streen plays such as Labyrinth (3.45pm BBC1), an EV-laden fantasy. Directed by Jim Henson, the film tells the lale of a Jim Hesson, the film tells the tale of a but it was as an action man in films like young girl's (Jennifer Connelly) attempts. The Jewel of the Nile (5.35pm ITV) that



King of the Goblins (David Bowie). In The American President, Michael Douglas displays a keen eye for comedy,

sequel to Romancing the Stone again teams him with ballsy Kathleen Turner, but this time round they fail to glisten. Taking everyone by surprise, the Australian film Strictly Ballroom (left) (8.20pm BBCI) became the sleeper of 1992. On reflection, it's not hard to see why. Baz Luhrman's debut as director strikes a nice balance between sending up and celebrating a world most of us only previously knew through Come Dancing.

No film of a musical is ever wholly going to capture the buzz of the live ver-sion, but South Pacific (8.30pm C4) makes a respectable stab at it. Joshua Logao's interpretatioo features Mitzi Gaynor as a nurse who falls for an older to rescue her baby brother from Jareth, he made his oame. Lewis Teague's man. French planter Rossano Brazzi.

Television choice by Gerard Gilbert

unable to join Angus Deayton for his End of the Year Show." Well. thank goodness for that. Two practitioners of deadpan plus Richard Wilson: what a gloomy, unexpressive gathering. Dee's place in The End of the Year Show (11pm BBC1; BBC2 in Scotland) is taken by someone called "Alexis Sayle", who may or may not be the famous Scouse comedian. Dee's illness was announced on 21 December so either poor of Jack is in a bad way

or the show isn't going out live.
When the BBC first screeced Louis
Maile's 1969 film about Iodia, the Indian government was so angered it expelled the Beeb from the country. It

ue to illness", says the BBC is the film Malle always said he was press release, Jack Dee will be proudest of, and earlier this year, the terminally-ill director re-edited this fascinatiog, self-concious, sometimes naive journey across the sub-contineot and Fine Cut (8.25pm BBC2) is showing the results.

Screen Two has a handsome but uninspiring adaptation of Thomas Hardy's Return of the Native (right) (9.50pm BBC2), directed by Jack Gold and starring Catherine Zeta Jones as the Wessex girl dying for some excitement. This eventually trundles up in the shape of Clym Yeobright (Ray Stevenson). Clive Owen and Joan Plowright also star.

It's the battle of the bands oo Channel 4 and BBC2. The Third Annual Jools'



Hootenanny (12am BBC2; not Scotland) boasts Eric Clapton, Dr John Supergrass and the Mike Flower Pops. The White Room: New Year Special (11.15pm C4) counters with Oasis, David Bowie, Chris Farlowe and PM Dawn.

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7.35 SHEET Inspector Clouseau (Bud Yorkin 1968 U5).
Alan Arkin steps into Peter Sellers's shoes for an ill-advised outing in Swinging London. Beryl Reid helps out (56089509).
9.10 News (5066948). *
9.15 The Big Question. Imran Khan opens the batting for a new series of chat (S) (5871141).
9.30 Emet Lindy (S) (46951).

10.00 CountryFile (S) (5851).

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10.30 State El Cid (Anthony Mann 1961 US), Above-average history epic with Charlton Heston ridding 1 1th-century Spain of the Moors (83610238).

1.30 Review of the Year 1995. John Humphrys and news clips (8056257).2.45 EastEnders Omnibus (S) (949035). *

3.45 Et Labyrinth (Jim Henson 1986 US). An adolescent girl enters a magic kingdom ruled by the Goblin King to rescue her baby brother. Enjoyable enough, mildfy imaginative animatronic fantasy (923141). *

5.20 Black Hearts in Battersea. New drama series aimed at children and based on Joan Aiken's novel set during the fictional reign of King James (II in the early 19th century (S) (8490783). * 5.50 News; Weather (897219). * 6.05 Local News (449702).

6.10 Sones of Praise on Ice. Hymns from the Ice Arena at Blackpool Pleasure Beach (S) (712986). * 6.45 Antiques Roadshow, From Ely Cathedral (S)

7.30 Pie in the Sky. Returning series for the police inspector-cum-restaurateur (S) (350580). *
8.20 ESS Strictly Ballroom (Saz Luhrmann 1992

Aus). Thoroughly charming Aussie cornedy-drama about an artistically ambitious ballroom-dancer (Paul Mercurio) determined to try out some unorthodox moves – and only being understood by stry newcomer Tara Morice (S) (8442967).

9.50 News; Weather (160764). * 10.051 Worked with Morecambe and Wise... and Look What Happened to Me. Some of the guest stars who have appeared with Morecambe and Wise

recall their experiences (668054). + 11.00 The End of the Year Show with Angus Deayton.
With Richard Wilson, Alexei Sayle, Nick Hancock and Lily Savage (Includes 8ig Ben) (S) (262899).

12.05 Happy New Year, Says the Archbishop of

Canterbury (5528197). Carterbury (5528197).

12.10 Hogmanay Live. Gordon Kennedy and Lorraine Kelly in Edinburgh are joined by Gary Glitter, Big Country, Eddi Reader and Aly Bain (8303159).

1.00 FEE Carry on Camping (Gerald Thomas 1969 UK). What – you're still sober? (9751246). *

2.25 Weather (2933710). To 2.30am.

BBC2

7.30 Children's BBC: The Adventures of 5kippy, 7.55 Playdays, 8,10 Babar, 8,35 Jackanory, 9.00 8itsa, 9.15 The Curious Case of 0r Hertz Van Rental, 9.40 Phantom 2040, 10,05 Blue Peter – the Best Bits. 10.35 Grange Hill. 11.00

Newsround Review of the Year, 11.30 The Royal Institute Christmas Lectures - Planet Earth, an Explorer's Guide (\$1 (80325). 12.30 Rugby Special (S) (82306).

1.30 Gay Purr-ee (Abe Levitow 1962 US). Sophisticated cartoon musical about a country cat's adventures in the big city. Judy Garland leant her voice (8038851).

2.50 Pal Joey (George Sidney 1957 US). Curate's egg of a screen adaptation of the Rodgers and Hart musical, with Frank Sinatra as the nightclub singer vacillating between wide eyed Kim Novak and experienced rival Rita Hayworth (53284783).

4.40 Notes from a Diva: Cardiff Singer of the World. Six singers from this year's competition have a masterclass from Romanian mezzo lleana Cotrubas, Finnish baritone Tom Krause and Australian coloratura soprano, Oame Joan Sutherland (5) (8779431).

.30 Wildlife on Two (R) (S) (431). * 6.00 SEE The Wolves of Willoughby Chase (Stuart Orme 1989 UK). To compliment their new children's series starting over on BBC1, the Beeb screens this disappointing version of Joan Aiken's other classic story, with a miscast Stephanie Beacham, helped out by Mel 5mith, Geraldine James and a pre-Bubble Jane Horrocks (42219).

7.30 Video Nation - Best of 95 (533832). 8.10 Close Up. John Landis chooses scenes from Annie

Hall and Javs (922290).

8.25 Fine Cut: Louis Maile's India, Edited by the terminally-ill Louis Maile, this is a part reworking of his acclaimed 1970 travelogue about India (S) (7342851). * 9.50 Screen Two: Return of the Native. Adapted from

Thomas Hardy's novel, with Catherine Zeta Jones as Wessex girl Eustacia Vye and Clive Owen as Damon Wildeve (405783). *

11.30 TOTP2 Brit Pop: Then and Now(S) (88986). 12.00 Third Annual Jools Hootenanny. With Eric Clapton, Dr John, Supergrass and Alanis Morissette (2326791).

1.15 IIII Imagine: John Lennon (Andrew Solt 1988

US). Surely even the most obsessed Lennon fan has been satiated by the excellent Beatles Anthology. If not, this documentary is based around the 1971 recording of the title song 2.55 Weatherview (7641265). To 3.05am.

ITV/London

6.00 GMTV. 6.00 The Sunday Review. 6.30 News and

5port, 7.00 The Sunday Programme (82162), 8.00 Disney Adventures (\$) (5650941). 9.25 EEE Sig Foot (Danny Huston 1987 US). Concluding the Disney adventure in which two

Concluding the Disney adventure in which two boys, camping in the mountains of Oregon, encounter a huge ape-like creature (*192108).

10.15 Link (S) (7053783). *

10.30 This Sunday. 11,00 Morning Worship from St Osmond's, Derby (S) (41073).

12.30 The Munsters Today (S) (2818615).

12.55 Local News, Weather (12827783). *

1.00 News, Weather (48328528). *

1.10 Carton Time (48308764).

1.25 ETCS Knightrider 2000 (Tom Hinky 1991 US). Feature-length adventure for Michael Knight and

Feature-length adventure for Michael Knight and his car KITT. Stars a fully-clothed David Hasselhoff (96667783), 3.15 (Ron Howard 1984 US), Warm

romantic cornedy in which Tom Hanks falls in love with the mermaid who saved him from drowning as a boy (Oaryl Hannahl (\$) (875431). * 5.15 London Tonight (3035141). * 5.25 News, Weather (6120344). *

5.35 The Jewel of the Nile (Lewis Teague 1985 US). Lesser sequel to Romancing the Stone reunites Kathleen Turner and Michael Douglas (41859493).

7.30 You've Been Framed (\$) (306). * 8.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot: Death in the Clouds. Recycled David Suchet yarn as the Belgian sleuth wraps his brain around an ingenious murder committed on an aeroplane flight from Paris to

committee on an aeropiane night from Paris to London (7986).

10.00 The Beades Anthology. The last instalment of this thrilling official history of the Moptops finds their hair growing ever longer, Let It 8e being recorded and Yoko Ono appearing ever more often (6493).

11.00 News, Weather (145847).

11.20 Signal Swing Shift (Jonathan Demme 1984 US).

Romantic comedy in which married housewife Goldie Hawn takes factory work in World War Two and finds love with Kurt Russell. The original version, rehashed on Goldie Hawn's Insistence. was apparently a minor masterpiece (581325).

11.55 The New Year (953219). 12.05 (2001) Swing Shift, Continued (7931333). 1.25 (2001) Claws! (Richard Barstrach 1977 US). A giant bear terrorises an Alaskan community

(821623). 3.10 SEM Hurry Up or I'll Be Thirty (Joseph Jacoby 1972 US). Mid-life crisis comedy (426468). 4.45 STEM Come Out Fighting (William Beaudine 1945 US). Comedy featuring the East Side Kids (1002913). To 5.55am.

Channel 4

6.10 8ftz! (R) (5680211).

7.05 The Herbs (R) (9569967). 7.20 Lift Off (R) (S) (2250677).

7.50 Lift Off (R1511220077). 7.50 The Great Bong (S) (7650870). 8.05 Hong Kong Phocey (2564764). 8.30 Where on Earth Is Carmen Sandiego? (S) (7986764).

8.55 Exosquad (S) (7905899). 9.20 Running the Halls (R) (5) (8108783). * 9.45 The Pink Panther (S) (639986).

10.15 Saved by the Bell: The New Class (2309764). *
10.40 Rocko's Modern Life (S) (5536832).
11.05 Sizz Elephant Boy (Robert Flaherty/Zoltan Korda 1937 UK). Flaherty directed the Indian location

footage in this once-admired Kipling adaptation

that introduced Sabu to the world (587/054).

12.35 EVA The Thief of Bagdad (Michael Powell, Tim Whelan, Ludwig Berger, Zolfan Korda 1,940 UK).

Alexander Korda's magical, hugely ambitious slice of The Arabian Nights - begun in Blitzed-out Britain and completed in Hollywood. Sabu, with the help of magnificent djinni Rex Ingram, foils wicked Grand Vizier Conrad Veidt and restores Prince John Justin to the throne of Baghdad

2.35 4 Goes to Glyndebourne: The Makropulos Case. Stunning, justly celebrated production of Janacek's opera from this year's Glyndebourne, directed by Nikolaus Lehnhoff, and staming Anja Silja (S) (12124344).

4.25 TIES Battle for the Planet of the Apes (J Lee Thompson 1973 US). Last and least of the chimp sequels (34216035). 6.00 The Persuaders! (58696). *

7.00 Riverdance - the Show. Highlights from the hugely popular Irish dance stage show - the choreographer's answer to synchronised swimming, according to some (S) (45.431). *
8.30 SUBS South Pacific Uoshua Logan 1958 US).

Slow-moving adaptation of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. Mitzl Gaynor Is the naive for widowed Rosanno Brazzi (45591764). 11,15 The White Room: New Year Special, The

stripped-down music show, featuring live sets from Oasis, David Bowie, PM Dawn and Chris Farlowe, the British R&B singer of the 1960s.
Plus, highlights from the last series (160716).
12.50 American Football: The Road to Superbowl

2.10 The Beat Specials (R) (S) (6451772). 3.10 The Beat Specials (R) (S) (3030604). 4.05 The World of Hammer (R) (78891623). To

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As Landra except 11.00am Morring Worship (5491453).
12.25pm A World of Wonder (5862257), 12.50 Regional News, Weather (64141230), Nuke: Filtre Englished 2007(6667743), S.1.5 Regional News, Weather (3035141), Norse TIN News & Weather (145847), 11.20 Filtre Swingshift (1681325), 1.25am Filtre: The Hound of the Backervikes (556449), 3.15am Filtre: The Sign of Four (132517) 5.00am Music Video (3285384), 5.05-5.55am The Itematic Colleges (4397710).

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As London except: 11.00am Morning Worship (94/035). 12.00 This Sunday (33559), 12.30 Behind the Christmas Curtain: (42035). 1.10 The Big Race Secrative 2000 (5329/073). 4.25 The South Bank Shaw (5892497). 11.20 Film: Swingshift: (68)325). 12.05am Film: Swingshift: (68)325). 12.05am Film: Swingshift: (68)325). 12.05am Film: Swingshift: (68)325. 12.05am Film: Swings

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Radio

Radio 1

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2.00-7.00am 95 Essentially Mixed

Radio 2

7.00am Don Maclean 9.05 7.00am Don Maclean 9.05
Michael Aspel 10.30 Hayes on 95
12.00 Desmand Carrington 2.00
Valentino 3.00 Brighton Lights
4.00 Chris Stuart's Plano Parlour
4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00
Sunday Soapbox 7.00 Nanette
Newman 8.30 Sunday Half Hour
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legendary Cellist. 1.00 News; Faires: Isle Songbook. 1.15 Fairest isle. 1.45 Amsterdam Mahler Festival.

handuced by Humphrey Burton. Lew Sintonietta, Amsterdan/Lev

Markit.
3.00 Spirit of the Age. The signifi-cance of masks in Commedia dell' Arts.
4.00 Invarak. Recorded at the : 595 Edinburgh Festival, Terzet-to in C. Op 74; Mano Trio No 3 or F. Op 65; Piano Quintet No 2

. A. Cp 81. 5.45-11.45 Remembering and Forgetting. An evening on the terms of memory.
5.50 Twinkle. Twinkle...

6.05 Now Remember, Includes readings from Vladimir Nackov's Speak, Memory. 5.45 Garcia's Resurrection. Profile ing late Grateful Dead guitaris

7.10 So What is Memory? 8.05 Paralle Summer of 1915. 8.25 Paralle Pinter: The Proust Screenplay. Pinter's dramatisaon at Marcel Proust's Remembracke of Things Past. 10.35 Vintetul: La Petite Phrase. 10.40 Miserere.

10.55 They're Coming to Take You

7.00 News.
7.10 Sunday Papers.
7.15 On Your Farm.
7.40 Sunday.
8.50 The Week's Good Cause. 9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter from America.
9.30 Morning Service. 9.00 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning. 12.15 The Quintessential Paul Tonelier, Reminiscences of the

1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time.
2.30 The Classic Serial: The Barchester Chronicles. 12/6).
3.30 Pick of the Year.
4.15 Around the World in 24 Frames.

6.00 Sh. O'Clock News. 6.15 Letters from Ireland, 14/6). 6.30 Anthony Trollope, The Chronicier of Barsetshire.

drama.
8.00 (LW) Suenos – World Spanish.
8.30 (FM) Strong Impressions.
8.45 (LW) New Francophonie.
9.00 (FM) Navrango Story.
9.15 (LW) Short Stories in Franch.

9.30 (LW) Writer's Weekly. (1/5). 10.00 News. 10.15 Syncopation. 10.45 Uisge-Beatha 500. 11.15 Memones of a Childhood on

Choice

Harold Pinter (left) stars in The Proust Screenplay (8.20pm R3) a new adaptation of his unfilmed script for a film of A ta recherche du temps perdu, broadcast as part of an intriguing evening of programmes on the theme of Remembering and Forgetting (5.45-11,45pm R3).

11.45-1.00am A Jazz New Year.

Radio 4 132,4-54.5MHz FM . 1981212 LW) 6.00am News Briefing 6.10 Something Understood. 6.55 Weather.

10.15 The Archers.
11.15 Mediumwave.
11.45 Foreign Correspondence:
Cape Town. (3/5L
12.15 Desent Island Oiscs.
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World This Weekend.
1.55 Shirning Expensed.

5.00 News: La Mia Italia. (4/4). 5.30 Poetry Please! 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

7.00 Children's BBC Radio 4; Tales from the Perifous Realm. (1/6).
7.30 A Good Read. 8.00 (FM) The Player. Brand's

Monsieur Maurice by Colette. 9.30 (FM) Please Leave a Message

after the Bleep.

the Veldt. 11.45 Seeds of Faith. 12.00 News. 12.30 The Late Story: A Goose for

12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service. Radio 5

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4.05 Jurgen Klinsmann's Europe
6.05 Jim and the Doc 7.00 News
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1.00 Alan Mann 3.00 Paul McCartney and Friends 4.15 Robert Booth
7.00 The Best of Book Browse
8.00 John Julius 10.00 Live at the
Liverpool Philharmonic 12.15 Andre Leon 4,00-6.00am Best of
Celebrity Choice

Virgin Radio 1215, 1197-12586; WY (05,88% RM) 6.00am Jeney Lee Grace 10,00 Graham Dene 2,00 Nicky Home 6.00 Mitch Johnson 10,00 Gary Davies 2,00-6,00am John Hipper

World Service

(19850) (56) 1.00 World News 1.10 Press Review 1.15 Red Dwarf 1.30 Anything Goes 2.00 Newsday 2.30 Composer of the Month 3.00 World News 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30
Jazz for the Asking 4,00 Newsdesk
4.30 Off the Shelf: Peter Pan 4.45
Red Dwarf 5.00 Newsday 5.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music

Satellite

SNY DNE
7.00am Hour of Power (52257).
8.00 Ghoul-eshed (65412). 8.00
Bump in the Night (65412). 8.30 Conan the Warnor (64783). 9.00 X-Men
(55035). 9.30 Ghoufsh Tales
(7311122). 9.50 The Parfact Family
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11110B). 10.30 Shoot (51219).
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Mesa (56257). 11.30 Teerage
Mutant Hero Turties (22236). 12.00
Incredible Dennis (37777344). 12.40

Incredible Dennis (3777344), 12.40 Dynamo Duck (7416580), 1.00 The Hit Mis (72290), 2.00 The Dukes of Hazzard (61667), 3.00 Star Trek: Voyage (88892), 4.00 WWF Action Voges 1888/2, 4.00 WHY ACION C25091, 5.30 Mighty Morphin Power Rengas (3967), 6.00 The Simpsons (92054), 7.00 Beverly Hills 90210 (33325), 8.00 Star Treic Voyages (42073), 9.00 Highlander (39509). 10.00 The Blockbuster Entertainment Awards (55293), 12.00 She Wolf of London (452933), 12.50 Sibs

(9155468), 1.20 Sunday Comes (1877130), 2.00-6.00am Hit Mox Long Play (6169130). SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase 1382901. 8.00 A Woman Rebels (1936) (29287). 10.00 To My Daughter (1991) (88851). 12.00 Cafe of the Wild (1993) (11180). 2.00 Death on the Niet (1978) (95312325). 4.25 Suff March 10031 (2691290). 5.00 Ninjas 11 9931 (3697 12901, 6.00 Born Yesterday (1993) (36412), 8.00 Calendar Girl (1993) (48257). 10.00 Intersection (1994) 10,00 Intersection (1994) (538219), 11,40 The Mone Show (981957), 12,10 All Shock Up! (1993) (2924994), 1,40 Hofs (1992) (15619826), 4,00-6,00am Born Yesterday (1993) (44352).

8.00am Cinderfella (1960) (36832), 8.00 Rockin' with Judy Jetson (27899), 10.00 No Man of Her Own (1950) (86493), 12.00 Ner Cwn (1990) (1643). (2.1162).
2.00 Kidz in the Wood (1994) (14290). 4.00 Frumbelina (1994) (786992)9). 5.45 The Living Daylights (1987) (583) 4035). 8.00 Last Action Hero (1993). (41749290). 10.15 Germinal (41749290). () 995) (22601948), 12.55 Rub-down (1993) (905623), 2.30 The Mighty Quinn (1989) (160130).

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4.10-6.00am Cinderfella (1960)

dored Tring (1955) (1290) 6.00 The Trouble with Harry (1955) (24126). 8.00 Star Wars (1977) (74621). 10.00 Commando (1985) (827141). 11.40 Coren the Barbanan (1982) (50852257), 1.50-3.20am Red Sonja (1985) (1890888).

> 7.00am Give Us A Clue (1136986) 7.30 Going for Gold (8463219). 7.55 Spring and Autumn (8471238). B.25 And Mother Makes Five (8883702). B.55 When the Boat Comes In (1566219). 9.55 Pink Parither (2827238). 10.05 Dr Who and the invisible En-10.05 br who and the invisible Enemy (13119561), 12.00 Doctor at the Top (96493251, 12.30 it Ain't Haif Hol, Murn (1569986), 1.00 Waterstup Down (979) 84121, 2.45 The Bill Ormibus (19830561). 5.10 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (49.49764), 6.10 Dad's Army (54732696), 7.25 Blead 1727980351, 8.30 Carry on Camp-ing (16425764), 10.20 The Boo Morthouse Show (93860236). 11.30 Special Branch (4677219). 12.35 Talia Me Home (76438913). 1.45 Soutch 'or Why (3850739). 2.30-7.00am Shopping (9644265).

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7.00am Watersports World (81783),
8.00 UN's Storngest Man (82412),
9.00 Chicket (50141), 11.00 Regby
Union Update (74219), 12.00 Goals
on Sunday (80770), 1.30 World Societ (19677), 2.00 Darts (512783),
5.00 Powerbast World (1035), 5.30
Snowboard Tour (2493), 6.00 Jache
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STROPS YOU 7.00am Soccer Extra (5240851)
11.00 Sports Unhambed (7828385),
12.00 Trans World Sport (2872832),
10.00 Borng Sportal (9773238),
3.00 World Pro Skatling (8206431), 5.00
NPL Football (2523615), 8.30 Skiff
Saffon (4825906), 8.00 Cook and NrL Potenti (353-975). 8.30 Skin Safing 14825986). 9.00 Goals on Sunday 17 838344). 10.30 World Pro Figure Skating (7692493). 12.30-1.00am Max Out (3445555).

FUROSPORT 7,30em Alpine Skiing (43967), 8,30 Ski Jumping (46122), 10,00 AR Sports (72851), 11,00 Ice Hockey 5220351, 1.30 Boong (20306). 3.00 Danong (29580), 4.30 Figure Stetring (568702), 7.00 Alf Sports (6967), 7.30 Aerobics (92513), 8.30 Raily Raid 14122). 9,00 Sumo (83344). 11,00 Boxing (73580). 12.00-12.30am Raty Raid (32371).

Pastimes

Chess William Hartston

Let us end the year by remembering the four fine 6 e4 0-0 7 Be2 Bb4 8 f3 d6 players who died during 1995. Here is one game by each of

Sir Stuart Milner-Barry (1906-951: gambiteer and gentleman.

Milner-Barry-Mieses, Mar-gate 1935: 1 c4 Nc6 2 d4 d5 3 Ne3 dxe4 4 d5 Ne5 5 f3 exf3 6 Nxt3 Nxt3+ 7 Qxf3 Nfo 8 Bf4 a6 9 h3 g6 10 g4 Bg7 11 I-0-0 Bd7 12 Qg3 Rc8 13 Be2 0-0 14 h4 c6 15 h5 Nxd5 16 hxg6 Bxc3 17 Qh4 Ni6 18 g3 Qa3 19 gxf6 h5 20 gxf7+ Kxf7 21 Bxh5+ 1-0

Three times British Champioo and prolific writer on all aspects of the game.

Harry Golombek (1911-95)

Golombek-Krogius, Warsaw 1935; 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e5 3 Nf3

No6 4 d4 exd4 5 Nxd4 Be7 21 Qd1 Nxb3 22 Qxh3 Bc2 9 Be3 Qe7 10 Qd2 Ne5 11 0-0 Be6 12 a3 Ba5 13 b4 Bb6 14 Nd5 Nxd5 15 exd5 Bd7 16 Rfel a5 17 Nc2 Bxe3+ 18 Oxe3 Oh4 19 Od4 Oxd4+ 20 Nxd4 Rfe8 21 Kf2 Kf8 22 c5 b6 23 c6 Bc8 24 Nb5 Re7 25 f4 Ng6 26 Bf3 Rxe1 27 Rxe1 Nxf4 28 Nxc7 Nd3+ 29 Kg3 Nxe1 30 Nxa8 axb4 31 axb4 h5 32 Be4 1-0.

title candidate. Najdorf-Polugayevsky. Mar del Plata 1971: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 0-0 5 Bd3 e5 6 Nf3 d5 7 0-0 dxc4 8 Bxc4 Nc6 9 Bd3 cxd4 10 exd4 Be7 11 a3 a6 12 Bc2 h5 13 Qd3

Bh7 14 Re1 g6 15 Bh3 Re8 16 Bh6 Re8 17 Ba2 h4 18 Ne2

Mikhail Botvinnik: (1911-951 World champion 1948-57: 1958-60; 1961-63. Master strategist Goglidze-Botvinnik, Moscow 1935: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Lev Polugayevsky (1934-95) Soviet champion and world

d5 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 cxd5 Nxd5 6 Qh3 Nxc3 7 bxc3 0-0 8 e3 c5 9 Be2 Qc7 10 0-0 b6 11 a4 Nc6 12 Qa3 Na5 13 Nd2 Bh7 14 Nb3 exd4 15 exd4 Ne4 16 Qb4 Rfc8 17 a5 c5 18 axb6 Nxb6 19 Na5 Bd5 20 Bb2 Bf8 21 Qb5 a6 22 Qd3 e4 23 Qb1 Qc2 24 Ba3 Bxa3 25 Rxa3 Qxe2 26 Qxb6 Rab8 27 Qd6 Na5 19 Nf4 b3 20 Bxb3 Bc4 Qxf1 + 28 Rxf1 Rb1 + 0-1.

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Ng7 Bb3 26 Qb1 Red8 27 Nf5

ext5 28 Rxe7 Nxh6 29 Qd3

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32 Ne5 Ng4 33 Qf4 Bxe5 34

dxe5 Qg6 35 g3 Be4 36 Re1

Rd3 37 e6 Oxe6 0-1

Bridge Alan Hiron

North **♦** K. 4 01043 **◆**A K Q 3 West East ◆A753 ♥K106 7J943 ♦ A K 7 6 ♦QJ95

+10742

Game all; dealer North

PÃQ 082 **4**965 Quite the best bridge book that I have read for some time is Dormer on Deception. Albert

♦QJ10982

♣JS

cid writers. Take this simple example from his chapter in Influences in the Middle North opened One Club.

mum opening by rebidding One No-Trump. South invited game with a jump to Three Spaces and, with his prime cards, North accepted. West led the ace of diamoods against Four Spades and East signalled with his

queen. West continued with the king and another diamond, which South ruffed. Declarer started on trumps but Dormer, whether on his own East held off until the third or as co-author with Terence round before winning. On the no option but to finesse.

Reesc, is one of our most hisecond round West petered heavily by discarding the nine of hearts. Now East switched to the ten of hearts.

The question posed was whether declarer should fi-South responded One Spade. nesse the queen of hearts or and North suggested a minirely on an even break in clubs for his tenth trick. Seeing all four hands you know the answer, but why should you find it at the table?

> As Albert points out, East's play of the queen of diamonds on the first trick marks him with the jack. If West had held the king of hearts, he would assuredly have led a low diamond (not the king) to put his naturet in for an immediate heart return, giving declarer











Saturday Television and Radio

RECOMMENDED VIEWING

Film choice

by James Rampton

When it was recently re-released, the scene in Spartacus (2.20pm BBC2) that caused the most comment was the steamy hath-house encounter between Laurence Olivier and Tony Curtis. Of course, there's much more to Stanley Kuhrick's threehour Roman orgy of entertainment than that - not least the famous sequence in which the hero's comrades try to protect him by claiming, "I'm Spartacus!" Kirk Douglas is at his most chiselled as the gladiator who leads a slave

army uprising.
Hoop Dreams (8.40pm BBC2) was the first documentary to be screened as the closing-night film at the New York Film Festival. Steve James, Frederick Marx and Peter Gilhert's account of two



Kirk Douglas at his most chiselled

teenagers who yearn to break out of their Chicago inner-city ghetto and become professional basketball players. certainly merits those accolades. The extraordinary SFX sequeoce in

which tourist David Naughton watches

his body metamorphose into that of a wolf after being bitten by a werewolf on the Yorkshire Monrs, is reason enough to watch An American Werewolf in London (10pm C4). John Landis's

pal Griffin Dunne and other werewolf victims appear next to him in a Soho cinema urging him to commit suicide. Try to forget the horrific scenes of werewolf attack in the tunnels of the London Underground, or you'll never be able to commute happily to work again. Also, you'll never be able to hear "Bad Moon Rising" oo the radio without a shiver.

horror film, however, has much else to commend it - particularly its wickedly black sense of humour. Watch for the

deliciously macabre scene in which

the corpses of Naughton's slaughtered

Television choice by Gerard Gilbert

the film industry's many attempts to find a format that would get viewers away from their tellies and back into the movie theatres. Moving Pictures: the Reality Trip (6.05pm BBC2) is a fascinating trawl through Scope, Cinerama, 3-D and now IMAX - pointing out that formats could inspire whole cycles of movies. Hence all those hiblical epics from the 1950s - something had to fill

those huge 70mm frames.

Bookmark (7.05pm BBC2) has a breakneck, centenary trawl through Robert Graves's personal life, proving once again that repression of any kind can create high art - in this case sexual

(() cod for snakes and funerals, but repression as represented by all nothing else," was Fritz Lang's those unobtainable "muses" with opinion of CinemaScope, one of which Graves complicated an already

is a repeat, but also something of a cult classic - a hilarious account of how the cane toad, introduced into Australia in 1935 to eliminate a plague of beetles, is now assuming plague proportions itself. No natural enemies, you see, except drunk Australians in their motor cars.

On a broadly similar theme. The Beast Bites Back (7.15pm C4) is a satirical exploration, through Ralph



Plant prepares to remite with Page

Steadman drawings, of the possibility that the beasts will inherit the earth, while Unplugged (12.20am BBC2) witnesses the reunioo of former Led Zeppelin kingpins Robert Plant and Jimmy Page. Air guitars to the ready.

BBC₁

7.25 News; Weather (5994943). 7.30 Children's BBC: SuperTed. 7.35 The Artbox Bunch. 7.50 Iznogoud. 8.05 Peter Pan and the

8.30 The New Adventures of Superman (R) (S)

(1252450). *
9.15 Live and Kicking (5) (84506943).
12.12 Weather (8001301).
12.15 Grandstand, 12.20 Football Focus 1.00 News Summary 1.05 Racing From Newbury: 1.10 The Rocking Horse Nursery Handicap Hurdie, 1.20 Athletics: the County Ourham International Cross-Country, 1.35 Racing From Newbury: 1.40 The Challow Hurdle, 1.50 Athletics: the County Ourham International Cross-Country, 2.10 Racing From Newbury: 2.15 The Ladbroke Gold Cup Handicap Steeplechase. 2.25 Athletics: Coverage of the County Ourham International Cross-Country.

2.55 Rugby League: the first semi-final of the Regal Trophy. 3.45 Football Half-Times 3.55 Rugby League: second-half. 4.40 Final Score (37177092).

5.20 News; Weather (6136905). *

5.30 Local News; Weather (345363), 5.35 Dad's Army (R) (815566). 6.05 Jim Oavidson's Generation Game (5) (702450). *7.00 The Gotcha Hall of Fame. Cheap space-filling repeats of celebrity humiliations from Noel's House

Party (SI (280108). * 7.50 The National Lottery Live, It could be Carnelot (5) (985585).

8.05 Casualty. Bogus paramedics and bag thieves (S) (418295). *

8.55 News; Sport; Weather. Then National Lottery Update (291943). *

9.15 THE Only the Lonely (Chris Columbus 1991 US). Romantic comedy with an edge, written by the director. John Candy is a Chicago cop struggling to hreak free from his stifling mother (Maureen O'Hara's comeback role) and get somewhere with mortuary cosmetician Ally Sheedy (S)

10.55 Match of the Day. Highlights from the FA Carling Premiership, including West Harn vs Newcastle and Manchester United vs Queens Park Rangers. Plus a round-up of other Premiership action (S) (6085924).

12.00 They Think It's All Over. Thursday's football frolics (S) (9682702).

12.40 ELS Carry on Abroad (Gerald Thomas 1972 UK). Top-notch double entendre as Sid James, Kenneth Williams, Charles Hawtrey, Joan Sims, Barbara Windsor and Hattie Jacques head for the Costa del

2.05 Weather (8444054). To 2.10am REGIONS, Wales: 4.55pm Wales on 5aturday 5.30 Wales on Saturday, Scot: 4,40pm Afternoon Sportscene 5.30 Reporting Scotland 10.55 5portscene - Match of the Oay, NI: 5.30pm Inside Ulster News.

BBC2

6.55 The Le Cinéma des Pêches (Gabriel Gonnot 1989 Fr). Documentary tracing the history and characters of early French cinema. In French with

English subtitles (692.1566).

7.45 English Subtitles (692.1566).

Windbag the Salkor (William Beudine 1936
UK). Fantasist gets caught up in real-life sea-going dramas. Cornedy with the sublime Will Hay

(4648634).

9.05 Forbidden Cargo (Harold French 1954 UK).
The good lads in Customs and Excise stop nefarious Froggie dope smugglers. Stars Nigel Patrick (7974585).

10.30 The Voyage of Charles Darwin (R) (90943). 11.30 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures - Planet Earth, an Explorer's Guide, Or James Jackson draws on evidence from sunken cities and sea shells found high in mountain ranges to explain what happens when continents stretch and collide (S) (76740).

12.30 The Power Behind the Image (S) (3153740). 1.10 (IIII) Animal Farm (John Halas/Joy Batchelor 1955 UK), Spot-on animated Orwel) with voices

from Maurice Denham (7863635). * 2.20 Spartacus (Stanley Kutrick 1960 US). Kirk Oouglas and Tony Curtis take off their shirts and spark a slave rebellion against those arrogant Romans, Terrific epic weepie with Laurence Olivier, Jean Simmons and Charles Laughton. (47281092), *

5,20 Schumacher, Michael Schumacher and colleagues review his Formula One career (5797924).
6.05 Moving Pictures Special: The Reality Trip. Visual

innovations in mass entertainment (61 1634). * 7.05 Bookmark. A celebration of Robert Graves - his

muses and all that (S) (905905). 8.05 The Young Ones. Ade calls Rik a complete and utter bastard (R) (876295). *
8.40 INES Hoop Dreams (Steve James 1994 US), Don't

give this a miss, even though it is about basketball. Ace documentary following the pains and triumphs of black American high-school boys as they chase stardom. Wrong words like "intelligent" and "poignant" from the poisoned pens of the critics. (S) (28700905). *

11.30 Tx. Survival Research Laboratories, which stages shows in which huge robots built from industrial rubbish rip each other apart (S) (592943). *

eed - Page and Plant. The boys from Led Zegoelin reunite for an acoustic set with Pod Thompson from the Cure on banjo, an Egyptian string and percussion ensemble, and the London Metropolitan Orchestra (SJ (3951764).

1.30 (1931) Heltzapoppin (H C Potter 1941 US).
Corking, off-the-wall stage-to-screen musical which revolutionised the bounds within which cornedy was allowed to appear on screen. Still holds its own. Stars Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson

2.50 Weatherview (5771696). To 3.00am.

ITV/London

6.00 GMTV. 6.10 Re:Wind. 6.40 Tom and Jerry Kids. 7.10 Barney and Friends, 7.45 Saturday Oisney. The presenters find themselves in Bombay (8045092).

9,25 Bugs Bunny's 1001 Rabbit Tales. Bugsy tackles

the Arabian Nights. Co-stars Daffy Ouck, Tweetie Pie and Sylvester (7015837).

10.40 Start Disney's Tiger Town (Alan Shapiro 1983 US). A young baseball fan gets involved with a fading star. They learn from each other. The usual, starring Roy Scheider (5327214). 11.30 The Chart Show (R) (S) (70566).

12.30 Movies, Games and Videos (21150). 1.00 News; Weather (26523189). * 1.05 Local News; Weather (265/5160). *
1.10 European Club Rugby – the Heineken Cup, Both semi-finals in the Heineken European Cup, a rugby union club contest. Live coverage of Leinster vs

Cardiff and highlights of Toulouse vs 5 warsea (11014127) 4.45 News; Sports Results; Weather (1225295). * 5.05 Local News; Sport; Weather (3079585). * 5.15 New Baywatch. Mitch takes a vacation presumably somewhere dry and inland - and

witnesses an attempted murder (S) (7517837). * 6.05 Gladiators: The Ashes Great Britain vs Australia (S) (608160).

7.05 Blind Date. Including Lottery Result (S) (932059). * 8.05 HTR Be Alright on the Night 8. Actor fluffs lines

(snigger) (R) (160011), * 9.05 Jack Dee's Saturday Night, Seal, comedian Greg Proops (S) (434769).

9.50 News; Lottery Update; Weather, Local Weather (716943). 10.05 III Desperate Hours (Michael Cimino 1990 US). Prison escapee holds family hostage, Lesser

remake of a pretty iffy Bogart vehicle staming Mickey Rourke, Anthony Hopkins and Mimi Rogers (S) (383108). 12.00 (Charles Jamott US). New York TV journalist wears glitzy clothes and falls in love with a rich man from LA. Cheryl

Ladd proves herself queen of the mini-series 1.50 Rick Wakeman's New Gospels. Rick Wakeman in his New Gospels from Peel Castle, Isle of Man

(6876685). 2.50 ESS Eyewitness (John Hough 1970 UK) A boy is the sole witness to an assassination. Funnity enough, his family don't believe him. Passable thriller with Mark Lester and Lionel Jeffries (163702).

4.35 First Clancy Street Boys (William Beaudine 1943 U5) More Bowery Boys capers. A Texan uncle turns up with his seven children in tow (7871 388). 5.55 News (1397615). To 6.00am.

Channel 4

6.05 Sesame Street (R) (7680491). 7.05 Ovide (R) (4679382).
7.15 The Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog (R) (2295740).

7.40 Wowser (R) (5900160).

9.00 Trans World Sport (98653).
9.00 The Moming Line. Nags of the day (S) (3728672).
9.50 Gazzetta Football Italia (3269672).

10.45 Biftz! (5890189). 11.50 SEEL Knute Rockne, All American (Lloyd Bacon 1940 US). Bog-standard sporting biopic starring Pat O'Brien and Ronald Reagan (46343672). 1.40 Pigeon Summer. In 1930s Shropshire, a girl

decides to race her father's pigeons. Starring Emily Oawe. Then Beastly Xmas: The X Mas Files: Botticell's Donkey from the Mystic Nativity (S) (6599127). 2.50 SEM Sunrise (F W Murnau 1927 US). A farmer tries to kill his wife for the sake of a City harpie, but repents in time. Four-Oscar-winning melodrama

starring George O'Brien, Jane Gaynor and Margaret

Livingstone (53228127). 4.35 Australia Wild (S) (1994382). * 5.05 Brookside Omnibus (R) (S) (7220059). *

6,30 Granpa, Animation (943). 7.00 News Summary; Weather (286566). * 7.15 The Beast Bites Back. Carbonist Ralph Steadman shares his feelings about animals (384498),
8.00 Cane Toads. The story of a man-made disaster resulting from an attempt to control nature. In

1935, the Queensland government imported Cane toads to eradicate the Greyback beetle, They bred like Cane toads and threatened all wildlife except the Greyback beetle itself (R) (423092). * 8.55 The Call of the Beast. Tracking down the Beast of Bodmin (R) (S) (139276).

9.55 Joe's Apartment. Animation. Joe's cockroach friends want to help him enjoy a hot date (S) (785108).

10.00 East An American Werewolf in London (John Landis 1981 US). An American backpacker (John Naughton) is bitten by the wolf that kills his buddy and meets Jenny Agutter in hospital. They happily take showers together until the undead buddy (Griffin Dunne) pops in to warn him about the next

full moon (638160). The Fly (Kurt Neumann 1958 US). Th original, starring David Hedison as the scientist who messes in God's domain and lives to rue the consequences. Quaint FX, but guite fun (944653).

1.35 Konga (John Lemont 1961 UK), Scientist injects chimp with growth serum. Silly boy (136257).

3.10 Fifth The Black Cat (Rob Green 1993 UK). Edgar Allan Poe yarn about madness and mogocide (S) (92372290).

3.30 The World of Hammer Mummies, werewolves and the living dead (R) (29528). To 4.00am.

ITV/Regions

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As London except: 1.05pm Anglia News and Weather (26515160). 5.05 Anglia News, Sport and Weather (6159856). 1.45am The Panasonic Sound Blast Awards 1995 (7321770). 2.40am Film: Face the Music. An American trumpeter, accused of murdering a fernale nightclub singer, is determined to find the killer and prove his immocance. 5tars Alex Nicol (2307695). 4.10am (TV Sports Classics (1852257). 4.45-5.55am Film: Mr. Muggs Rides Arain, East Syla Kids vam stamine Leo Gomey and

Again. East Side Kids yarn starring Leo Gorcey and Bitly Benedict (3087577). TYME TEES/YORKSHIRE THE TES/FORISHRE
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As London except: 1.05pm Central News and Weather (26515160), 5.05 Central News and Weather (6159856), 5.10 Central Match - Goals Edra (3076498), 5.20 New Baywetch (5700498). 4.35-5.55am Film: Clancy Street Boys (7871388).

As London except: 12.30pm West Roadrunner (21160), 1.05 Regional News, Weather (2651S160), 5.05 Regional News, Weather (6159856), 9.50-10:00pm West: Naws and Weather (716943).

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WESTCOBNIET As London except: 1.05pm Westcountry News, e (265*15*160). 5.05-5.18 News (6259856).

As C4 except: 8.00am Transworld Soort (98653). As C4 encept: 8:00am transvorid Sport (9803.), 9.50 The Wonderful World of Dogs (3269672). 1.40 Rygbi Ewrop: Cwrpan Heineken (38492/158), 3.35 Pigson Summer (855/295), 4.35 289 Delimations (1994382), 5.05 Brookside (7220059), 7.00 Newyddion Nos Sadwm (285566). 7.15 Codir To (568295). B.15 Hei Straeon (874108). 8.45 Bobb a Sami (833011). 9.45 Rory Brenner, Apparently (839295). 10.45 Whose Line is it Anyway! (886943). 11.15-11.50pm Glam-O-Rama (225769).

Radio

Radio 1

197 5-99 SMILE FAR B.00am Kevin Greening 11.00 Danny Baker 2.00 Jo Whiley 5.00 John Peel: Festive 50 - Part 2 7.00 Lovegroove Dance Party with Danny Rampling 9.00 Padio 1 Rap Show 12.00 Essential Miss Judge Jules 2.00 Annie Nightine's Chill Out Zone 4.00-B.00am Clive Wanen

Radio 2

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at Oglethorpe 2.00 Martin Kelner
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Radio 3

9029248530: 7.00am Record Review, Mac-Cunn: The Land of the Moun-Monteverdi: Hor che'l ciel (Madrigals, Bk 8), Remecke: Wind Octet, Op 216, Leroy Anderson: Sleigh Ride; Plink, Plank, Plunk; Blue Tango. Beethoven: Violin Sonata in G. Op 96, Conizetti: Povero Emesto! .. Cerchero lontana terra (Don Pasquale), Deliu

Overture: Rienzi, Jose de Torres: Mas no puerde ser. Maswell Davies, Cross Lane Fair. Robert White: Magnificat. Schubert: 12 German Dances (0790): Allegretro in C minor (0915): Borodin: Prince Igoi IACT 1. excernt guest Elvis Costello. 1.00 News; Layer by Layer, 11/5). 1.25 The BBC Orchestras/BBC

9.00 Cutics' Charge 1995.

Wales/Tadaaw Otaka, Peter Donothoe (giang), Gyorak: Overture: Carnival, Grieg: Pland Concerto, Dvorak: Symthony No 9 (From the New 2.50 Britten October Festival at Snape. A concert from the 1994 festival. Britten: Canticle III- Snii Falls the Fain. Milhaud: Two Sketches for wind quintet. Poulenc. Elegie for

Nabonal Orchestra of

last year - presumably with some relief that he's actually got through it as Prime James Naughtie for Today (7am R4). Layer by Layer (1pm R3) looks even further back, at traces of the first humans to inhabit Britain.

piano and wind. 4.10 Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra/Christoph von Dohnanyi, Brahms, orch Schoenberg: Quartet, Op 25. 5.00 Jazz Record Requests. With

5.45 The Homecoming, A final programme of songs by Holst, including his setting of Hardy's 5.00 Collective and Conscious. 6.30 Live from the Met: The

Queen of Spades. Tchaikovsky's tragic opera. based on a short story by Pushkin. Gegam Grigonan (tenor), Maria Guleghina (soprano). Leonie Rysanek (mezzo), Birgitta Svenden (contralto), Nikolai Pulitin Ibaritoner, Omitri Hvorostovsky (baritone), Metropolitan Opera Chorus and Orchestra/Valery Gergiev. 17.40-8.05 Interval talk.1 Act 2. (9.10-9.30 The

Opera Quiz.) Act 3.

10.25 Blessed Times for a Blacky cer. The story of 18th-cen tury poet and musician Igratus Sancho. Written by Leonora Brito and read by Don 10.45-1.00am London Jazz

Wayne Shorter recorded in concert at the Royal Festival Hall, London. Radio 4 (2.4-34 STRE FM: 1938HE LIT S.50am Belts on Sunday, From St Paul's Cathedral.

6.00 News Briefing. **6.10 Farming Today** 6.50 Prayer for the Day. 5.55 Weather. 7.00 Today. John Major Interviewed. B.5B Weather. 9.00 (LW) Test Match Special Coverage of the final day's play in the Fourth Test at St George's Park, Port Elizabeth. 9.05 (FM) Sport on 4.

Choice

John Major looks back at the Minister - in an interview with

9.30 (FM) Breakaway. 10.00 (FM) News; Loose Ends. 11.00 (FM) News; The Modern Mag. Bishop of Monmouth Heathar CouperTand Paul Vallely at The Independent contin ue their trek across the Syrian

desert. (2/2). 11.30 (FM) From Our Own Correspondent. 12.00 (FM) Money Box. Presented by Alison Mitchell. 12.25 (FM) News Quiz of the Year. Barry Took a compliation of the strangest and funniest stories from the News Quiz year. (2/2). 12.55 (FM) Weather.

1.00 (FM) News. 1.10 (FM) Our Next Question, Please. Jonathan Gimbleby looks back over a year of Any 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 (FM) News; Toady, Grovel

2.00 (LW) Test Match Special. 2.30 (FM) Saturday Playhouse: Seaton's Aunt. 4.00 News: 5trong Impressions. 50 Roy Strong visits Norwich. 4.30 Science Now, Peter Evans Festival. The sarophonist and guests discuss the best

> S.00 Tumpty-Tumpty-Tumpty-S.40 Queenan Country. S.50 Shipping Forecast. S.SS Weather, review of 1995. 6.SO Ad Lio. 7.20 Kaleigoscope Feature.

6.00 Srx O'Clock News. 6.25 Year Ending, Satincal news

Joseph O'Connor meets a group of up-and-coming Oublin 7.50 Saturday Night Theate: Death of an Ugly Sister. 9.20 Music in Mind. 9.50 Ten to Ten.

10.00 News. 10.15 Stanza on Stage. 10.4S Philosophy Figures: Plato. 11.00 Personal Records. Jeremy Nicholas visits the home of auther July Cooper. (5/6). 11.30 A Landscape Painter. Hen-

ry James's romantic drama. 12.00 News. 12.30 The Late Story: Christmas Present. By Maeve Binchy. 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.06 As World Service.

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6.05am Otry Tackle 6.30 Peter
Allen at Breakfast 9.05 Weekend
with Kershaw and Whittaker 11.05 Top Gear 11.35 Ploneers and Presidents 12.00 Midday Edi tion 12.15 Sportscall 1.05 Sport on Five 6.05 Straight Up 8.05 The Game's Up B.35 Oaltyn on Saturday 10.05 The Treatment 11.00 Night Extra 11.35 Spaced Out 12.05 After

Hours 2.00 Up All Night 5.00-

6.00am Morning Reports Classic FM

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110 0-101 940b FMO 5.00am Sarah Lucas 9.00 Classic Countdown 1995 12.00 Classic Gardening Forum. From the Gardeners Royal Benevotent Soci-ety near Brighton. 1.00 Alan Mann 3.00 The Saturday Alterna-tive 5.00 Classic America 7.00 Cecilia Bartoli - Portrait of a Won der, Recorded at the 1995 Luceme Festival, 10.00 Classic Quiz 12.00 Andre Leon 4.00 Classic Countdown 5.00-5.00am Michael Fanstone

11715 1197-1260Mb MW 105.8Mb2 FMD Paul Covte 2.00 Mark Forrest forcluding Virgin Crunchie Album Charl) 6.00 Mitch Johnson 10.00 Howard Pearce 2.00-6.00am John Hippe **World Service**

GENERAL 1.00 World News 1.10 Press Review 1.15 Early Visions 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.50 V/rite On 2.00 Newsday 2.30 The Ed Stewart Show 3,00 World News 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Fourth Estate 3.45 Science View 3.50 Waveguida 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Short Story 4.4S The Multitrack Sessions 5.00 Newsday 5.30 (n

Satellite

7.00am Postcards from the Hedge (45301), 7.00 Wild West Cowboys of Moo Mesa (1968498), 7.35 Techage Mutant Hero Turties (1433943). B.00 Incredible Demis (6605407). 8.40 Dynamo Duck (6851837), 9.00 Ghoul-Lashed (50108), 9.00 Bump in the Night (50108), 9.30 Corran the Warrior (85382), 10.00 X-Men (16301), 10.30 Ghoulish Teles (16301). 10.30 Ghoultsh Teles (8907295). 10.50 The Perfect Family (1257450). 11.00 Mighty Morphin (1257450). 11.00 Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (93382). 11.30 Shoot (99011). 12.00 WWF Manis (75905). 1.00 The Hit Mix (84653). 2.00 Wonder Women (17030). 3.00 Growing Pairs (45-17). 3.30 Family Tres (7127). 4.00 Kung Fu, the Legend Continues (89634). 5.00 The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles (8127). 6.00 WWF Superstars (71189). 7.00 Robotop (12450). 8.00 VR.5 (38498). 9.00 Cops (85018). 9.30 The Serial Killers (85B18). 9.30 The Serial Killers (76634). 10.00 Dream On (64301). 10.30 Tales from the Cryot (40721). 11.00 The Movie Show (80363). 11.30 Forever Knight (B3382). 12.30 WKRP in Circinnati (66325). 1.00 Saturday Night Live (13493). 2.00-6.00am Hit Mix (7592677).

SAY MOVIES 6,00am Showcase (40653), B.00 Mass Appeal (1984) (71522). 10.00 Olgger (1993) (90214). 12.00 The Lion (1952) (98905). 2.00 Agatha con transf (1990), 2.00 Agatha Christie's Spankling Oyanida (1983) (35301), 4,00 Meteor Man (1993) (3059), 5.00 Otgger (1993), Orama Starring Adam Hann-Byrd and Justice (2002), pp. 1777-1781 Jackson (22937). B.DO That Night (1992). Drama starring C Thomas Howell and Juliette Lewis (27382). 10.00 Forcess (1994) (294740). 11.45 Midnight Confessions (1993) (777382). 1.05 Kickboxer III: The Art War (1992) (9719412), 2.35 End Side (1993) (708770), 4.10-6.00em Ageitha Christe's Sparkling Cyanide (1983) (952948).

HOVE CHANNEL 6.00am Tarzan and His Mate (1934) (48295), 8.00 The Good, the Bad and Huckleberry Hound (1988) (71504). 10.00 Only When I Land (1968) (98856). 12.00 Dennis (1993) (96547). 2.00 Bonanza: Under Attack (1995) (33943), 4.00 Touch of Truth (1994) (20479), B.00 Dennis (1993), Live action adaptation of the comic strip adventures. Stars Walter Matthey (25924), 10.00 The Assassin (1993) (92108), 12.00 White Justice Sleeps (1994) (996290), 1.35 After Midnight (1969) (772073). 3.10-6.00am Blueberry Hill (1987) (773007B3).

SAY MOVIES GOLD 4.00pm Muttny on the Buses (1973) (3547), 5.00 The Odd Couple (1968) (39940276), 7.55 Can't Stop the Music (1980) (79082450), 10,00 Rambo III (1988) (481214), 11.50 Action Jackson (1988) (685540). 1.30-3.20am Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

(19SB) (599702). 7.00am Give Us A Clue (1119214). 7.00em Give Us A Clue (1119214).
7.30 Going for Gold (8496547).
7.55 Warship (1933769). 8.55 Secret Army (45880127). 10.00 Neighbours Ormitious (1598634). 12.00 All Centures Grest and Small (5315818).
1.50 What a Carry On! (48956924).
2.20 EastEnders Ormitious (89847491).
5.00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (7596479). 6.00 George and Mildred (8133301). 6.30 'Allo 'Allo (2051189). 7.25 Breed (7265547).
7.30 'Allo 'Allo (4528437). B.30 Home James (9676382). 9.15 Car-Home James (9676382). 9.15 Carrott's Lib (9450721). 10.10 Remo Unamed and Dangerous 1932:38450). 12.15 Scotch 'n' Wry (5971493). 1.05 Scotch 'n' Wry (4854770). 2.00-7.00am Shopping at Night (4573702).

SKY SPORTS 7.00am Gillette World Sport Special (55189). 7.30 Racing News (77924). 8.00 International Cricket: South Africa v England (5135837). 3.30 Sports Saturday (59214). 5.00 NFL Wild Card Garne (7523189). 8.30 Golf (877108). 11,30 International Cricket Highlights (1881.8). 1,30-2,30am Watersports World (25073). SKY SPORTS 2

7.00sm Soccer AM (5280479). 11.00 WWF Raw (3523176). 11.00 Watersports World
12.00 Watersports World
(2805.160). 1.00 Jackie Stewart's
Celebrity Challenge (2821.108).
2.00 Rugby Union (108530.1). 4.30
WDC World Oarls Championships
(3232276). 11.00 Rugby Union Update (6573491), 12.00 World of
Speed and Beauty (3953035).
12.30-1.00am Max Out (8940054).

1.30am Eurohun (62092), 8.00 Bes-kethali (80924), 8.30 Alpine Siding (49837), 10.00 Olympic Magazine (545BS), 10.30 Alpine Siding (85289). 11.00 Alpine Sking (71740), 12.00 Motorsport (83011). 12,30 Truck Racing (89672), 1,30. Raily Raid (60301), 2,30 Equestrian Synthesis (72856), 10.00 Martial Arts

Sports (72856), 10.00 Martial Arts (75943). 11,00 Ice Hockey (69905). sports Report (96615).

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